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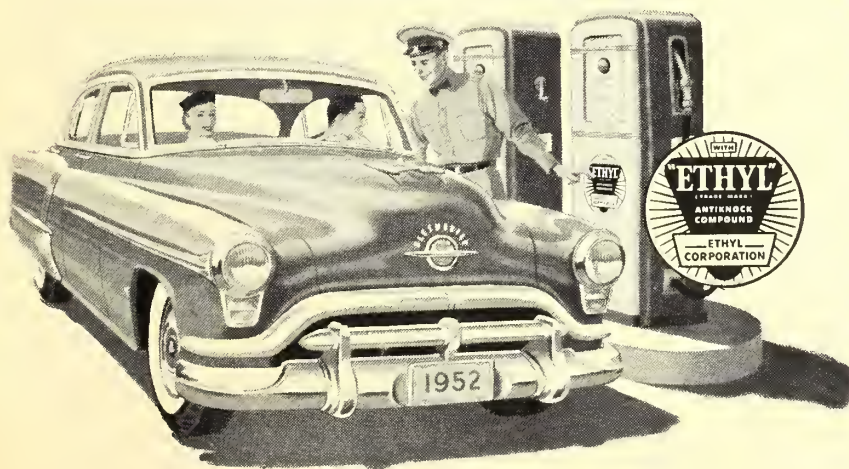
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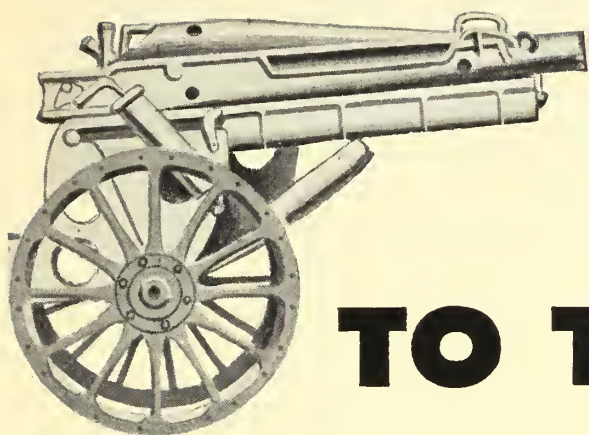
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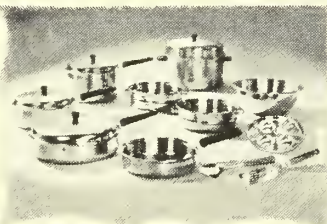
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# Sound Off!



Writers must give name and address. Name withheld if requested. So many letters are being received it is not possible to promise answers. Keep your letters short. Address: Sound Off, The American Legion Magazine, 580 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

**NOTHING NEW FOR ACLU**

Sir: In the *Editor's Corner* for June *Whose Civil Liberties?* strikes a responsive chord. I recall a day in August 1922 when the Department of Justice men, together with our local Sheriff's force, raided the convention of the Communist Party of America, then an underground and illegal political party, in the little town of Bridgman, nearby. I recall the zealotry with which the American Civil Liberties Union rushed to the aid of these people. Among other things I recall is the fact that, even in that early day, The American Legion was a target for the commies. The Legion was referred to then as "The White Troops of the Capitalists." I should like to ask if anyone can cite an instance where the ACLU has ever gone to the defense of any anti-communist.

C. V. Spawr  
Benton Harbor, Mich.



**PRO AND CON**

Sir: The front cover of your June issue, urging people to register to vote, would make an ideal and colorful poster to hang on telephone poles, booths, in buses, railroad stations, etc. This is a decisive year for Americans.

Norbert A. Reuben  
Hewlett, Long Island

Sir: In the June issue you ask *What's Wrong with These Snapshots?* Someone might ask what is wrong with the picture on the cover front. In Tennessee it is a violation of law to drive tacks in telephone and light posts. This is a safety measure.

Roy G. McCollum  
Jackson, Tenn.

**YOUR CHILD IS THEIR TARGET**

Sir: When I finished reading *Your Child Is Their Target* I sat down and cried. For three years now I have written to editors, school board members and talked to parents, trying to arouse some interest in the indoctrination process going on right under our nose—an indoctrination into the "planned economy" with its misleading and hidden phraseology meaning purely and simply socialism. The school officials look down their noses and call us fascists;

the parents give us vapid stares; the school boards are cowed by the baffle-gab thrown out by the school officials they have hired, and are so busy with their own affairs and fear of retaliation against their businesses, they make no move even to demand a return to teaching principles that will turn out at least partially educated children. Please accept my deepest gratitude.

Hertha Cordts Conway  
San Diego, Calif.

Sir: Miss Kuhn's article has rendered a shocking disservice to our schools in falsely besmirching the great names in the educational world today. And it embodies such astonishing ignorance of modern educational developments that one can only conclude your magazine has yielded all sense of responsibility and conscience to the propaganda of Allen Zoll, Milo McDonald, Merwin K. Hart and similar self-appointed leaders of ideas thoroughly alien to the best American democratic traditions.

Abraham Lefkowitz  
Legislative Representative  
New York Teachers Guild  
New York City

Sir: Congratulations on the article *Your Child Is Their Target*. If anyone doubts in the slightest degree the accuracy of this shocking revelation, or desires more details, he should write to Congressman Paul W. Shafer of Michigan and ask for a copy of his recent speech, "Is There a Subversive Movement in the Public Schools?" In this masterly study he will find complete documentation, chapter and verse, from the left wing educators' own statements in 49 books and other documents.

J. A. Hasbrouck  
New York City

Sir: I wish to take exception to a statement in *Your Child Is Their Target*. The article refers to the City of Englewood and links our community with this controversy. This is not factually correct. The recent dispute in the Englewood schools came about when Mr. Cartwright with his Anti-Communist League attacked our schools on the grounds that there were communistic teachers and subversive textbooks. There was no controversy over progressive education. He then attempted to bring Allen Zoll into the picture. I attacked the bringing of Zoll into the picture on the ground that he is un-American. There was a hearing and it developed that there was no proof at all of any communistic teachers and the subversive textbooks questioned finished up with one book being taken out of the system. Some years ago a discussion



was had in our community on the Rugg textbooks and they were eliminated by our Board of Education. We have an excellent Board and a Superintendent of Schools who has been extremely helpful to our state American Legion organization and has worked with us against communists in the schools.

**C. Conrad Schneider**  
Past Department Commander  
Englewood, N. J.

Sir: I want to compliment you on *Your Child Is Their Target*. It is refreshing and gratifying to find this little-publicized side to progressive education put forth in such clear language. I am certain that I speak for all of us in Pasadena who opposed Goslin when I thank you.

**Karl A. Mertz**  
Pasadena, Calif.

Sir: After reading *Your Child Is Their Target* I would appreciate it very much if you would stop sending me your trashy magazine which reeks of hypocrisy. Disgustingly,

**Charles A. Siegel**  
Battle Ground, Wash.

Sir: Sincere congratulations for *Your Child Is Their Target*. It is the best factual writing I have seen on this critical school situation. The National Education Association needs a thorough housecleaning before it represents the thinking of the average teacher or rural administrator.

**Gale W. Baldwin**  
Superintendent,  
Union County Public Schools  
Marysville, Ohio



### DON'T CALL 'EM COMMIES!

Sir: How right Stanley C. Morris is about that word "commie." I hate the word and every time I see it I take my pencil and cross out the letters "ie."

**Floyd E. Morgan**  
Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Sir: So long as these fellows are not our comrades, then they must be our "com-rats."

**George M. Suda**  
Portage, Wisc.

Sir: Not "commies" but "scummies," a la Walter Winchell, or "stinkies" perhaps.

**George W. Knox**  
New York City

Sir: The word we should use is "rats."

**Ed Lundberg**  
Rexford, N. Y.

Sir: As a substitute for the word "commie" I would suggest "bolo." Bolshevism and boloism are both doctrines of defeatism.

**Art Madsen**  
Detroit

Sir: Allow me to offer SOBie.

**D. E. Winstead, M.D.**  
Muskogee, Okla.

Sir: My personal suggestion is "scommie" pronounced scummy.

**Emil Grzybonski**  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Sir: I suggest "communut."

**Earl Foster**  
Ardmore, Okla.

Sir: Let's call them by the name that really fits them, "traitors."

**George W. Akers**  
Detroit



### FOR TWO VOTES

Sir: This being our Second Primary Election Day in Florida, and having just received and read the National Commander's article *Everyone Has Two Votes* in our magazine, I cannot resist sending you my hearty congratulations. I wish everyone in our country could read it. The Harvey Seeds Post, as well as other Legion Posts, and the Jr. Jay Cees have worked diligently in this area to make the people vote-conscious and are making real headway. Your article is timely, civic-minded and should strike home to all who read it.

**Stuart L. Moore**  
Miami, Fla.

### MORE ON SIX-SHOOTERS

Sir: I've just read *Give 'Em Six Shooters* in the June *Sound Off!* I am a combat infantry vet of the South Pacific and agree with Mr. Kirsch 100 percent. Give all front line units handguns, especially those armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Even the Garand was subject to jams after a day or so of operations. At the front it's impossible to give your pieces the proper care.

**William M. Chaney**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

### DON'T LIKE DEAN

Sir: Will Roman W. Olson, whose letter appeared in your June issue tell us just why he considers Dean Acheson "one of our greatest living Americans"? He laments that now Dean Acheson's name is only mentioned with contempt. Well, fifty million Americans can't be wrong!

**Laura McAleer**  
Flushing, N. Y.

Sir: I think Acheson has done more for the wide spread of communism than any one individual in our government — and if that is a sign of a great living American I can't figure Mr. Olson out.

**Richard Karr**  
San Francisco

Sir: Has Mr. Olson overlooked the fact that while the battle between the communists and the anti-communists was going on in Poland, Dean Acheson against the vigorous opposition of Arthur Bliss Lane approved a \$90,000,000 loan to the communists in Poland?

**Jack D. Crook**  
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## THE Editor's Corner

### PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Legionnaires can take pride in the results of a study made recently by Elmo Roper, nationally known for his polls of public opinion. Studying the influences which decide a person's vote, Mr. Roper asked a cross-section of people in this country:

"Here is a list of some groups and organizations that aren't directly connected with any political party. Are there any of these groups whose ideas you'd expect to be good on candidates running for office?"

Following are the results:

The American Legion .....	23%
Officials of your church .....	22
League of Women Voters .....	17
A.F.L. and C.I.O. ....	16
Farm Bureau Federation and National Grange .....	15
National Association for Advance- ment of Colored People .....	8
National Association of Manufacturers .....	6
Prominent Southern leaders supporting states' rights .....	5
None on the list .....	41

Discussing this on an NBC network on May 18th, Mr. Roper said:

"One of the reasons why The American Legion comes out as strongly as it does is that it has widespread support among many different groups. For instance, it is the only group on our list which was named by substantial numbers of both businessmen and labor. It also has wide appeal, apparently, to white-collar people. Its chief support, however, lies in the small towns of America, those which range from 2500 to 100,000. In many of these places the American Legion Post is a major community center, and its influence apparently goes pretty deep."

### COOPERATION

In an early issue we expect to present some interesting facts concerning the volume of trade still being done with countries behind the Iron Curtain. If you are not aware of it, we are still helping to support the Soviet economy by purchases of goods made in countries where Stalin is boss. However, a lot of dealers are not very anxious to prevent this sort of trade.

Trying to get information for our article, we wrote to the heads of 15 well-known photographic concerns. Why photographic? Because much of the camera equipment being offered is of East German origin. We asked the dealers if they'd give us lists of such equipment and any hints they'd care to offer as to how American purchasers might steer clear of cameras and other optical equipment made under Soviet direction.

Not one of the dealers responded with the requested list. Indeed, only one con-



cern answered, and that was to tell us that the head of the company wasn't available.

However, it was not too surprising. Most of them constantly feature in their ads merchandise whose sale benefits Soviet Russia — even as this is written.

So it's up to you. If you have any doubts about the origin of the things you buy, ask them point-blank. And, all things considered, you'd better get their assurances in writing, on a money-back basis. Incidentally, among the products *not* made in the Soviet Zone are the Leica, Voigtlander, Rolleiflex, and certain (but not all) cameras bearing the Zeiss name. Watch out particularly for single-lens reflex cameras.

#### HOW TO BECOME PRESIDENT

Politicians have spent billions to gain the good will of large blocs of voters, but so far they've overlooked a foolproof way of winning elections.

When are they going to come out with a platform promising that the government will pay every citizen's taxes?

#### A GREAT AMERICAN PASSES

Last month many of you read in this magazine about a great American, Lew Reese, and how he had earned the love of the people who worked with him in his Scio Pottery Co. On June 5th, while our July issue was on the press, word came that Mr. Reese had passed away in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh. To the men and women of Scio, we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### WE SALUTE



R. W. Watt

We keep hearing from readers who ask us why we don't publish articles about men and women who are doing constructive work in Americanism. There's nothing we'd like better, but space limitations make it difficult to do all we'd like to do. However, to show our appreciation to those who are helping to promote Legion ideals we plan to tell our readers about them in this column, and any nominations you have will be welcome.

This month *The American Legion Magazine* salutes Bob Watt. Director of Public Relations for the New Jersey Manufacturers Association, Bob conducts programs on radio and television which dramatically expose communism. His "Tempest Tossed" TV program, heard on WOR-TV is especially noteworthy, and has featured some of the outstanding authorities on the subject of communism at home and abroad.

Bob served in the Army Engineer Corps from 1942 to 1946.

J. C. K.

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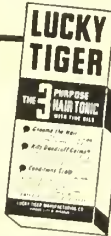


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## PRODUCTS PARADE

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

### DETACHABLE FOGLIGHTS

Something new for motorists is the Head-lite-Foglite, an amber-colored Polaray lens which can be attached to a car's headlight in a jilly with a suction cup. Since a sealed beam headlight has much more power than the usual foglight, these lenses are said to provide superior light for driving in fog or mist. The price is \$2.95 a pair postpaid from Safety Industries, Inc., Dept. E, 1577½ W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 7.

### FOR THAT CONVERTIBLE

With an interesting new device available from Superior Engineering Corp., 49 N.E. 22nd St., Miami, Fla., science probably has gone as far as is possible with convertibles. Superior's device, untouched by human hands, raises convertible tops the instant it starts to rain. The secret is a tiny micro-moisture grid which is installed on any exposed part of the car. At the first drop of rain up goes the top, automatically, as the device activates the mechanism that raises the top. Called Auto-Up, it sells for \$39.50.



### LIKE TO MAKE THINGS?

The home mechanic has managed too long without a highly ingenious gadget being marketed by the Belruss Mfg. Co., of Manchester, Conn. Called the Belruss Corner Clamp, it is a triangular device which holds wood up to 2½ inches in width firmly in place with a vise-like holder to make picture frames, screens, etc. The pieces to be joined are prepared for mitre, mortise or butt joints, and placed in the clamp. Then a screw is tightened. Side slots permit the use of nails, and patented fasteners or staples can be inserted. The price is \$2.45 postpaid.

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### DEAR CONGRESSMAN

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### ASH TRAY WITH AN IDEA

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# A LITTLE PRIVACY

The trouble with Herbert was that he didn't like people. But the time came when he learned that people were necessary.



By W. F. MIKSCH

**M**YRA WILLIS, excitingly plump in her summer cotton, knelt on the porch of the old farmhouse and stirred another mix of plaster while her husband Herbert, a tanned young man of thirty with a vaguely harassed face, prowled about—pipe in mouth and trowel in hand—looking for more cracks in the masonry.

"If I leave for Beth's tomorrow, will you be all right here by yourself?" Myra asked.

"I'll be fine. Stay as long as you like," Herbert said.

"I wish you'd change your mind and come too."

"Huh uh. Not that I don't like your sister; Beth's okay. So's her husband. But they're people. And you know how I feel about people."

"I know," Myra sighed.

"And those kids of theirs—oh, I guess they're all right if you stand kids. I can't."

Well, aren't you in for a big surprise, Daddy, thought Myra. And what am I in for when I break the news? I'll have to, sometime; can't just wait till it's over and mail him a birth announcement!

"Oh, Herbert," she said, "why must

you be such a misanthrope? You can overdo that hermit stuff."

Herbert shrugged. "So what's wrong wanting a little peace and privacy for a change? Never got it in the Army, that's for sure. And don't tell me you didn't have your fill of kids and people in that housing development. Crestview Manor! Preference to Veterans! A Modern Community of Two Hundred Fishbowls and Five Hundred Gre-garious Lunatics!"

"Everyone was nice and neighborly," Myra argued.

"They were that. It was like living in an ant colony!"

"Well, you're really out with the ants now, darling," said Myra, and she scowled at the rolling fields and tangle

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"I've seen some of the firemen," said Herbert, "and I've taken out lots more fire insurance."

## (continued) A LITTLE PRIVACY

of woodland beyond. "Eighty-four acres just for privacy!"

"Eighty-four acres and three perches," Herbert corrected.

"Perches, smerches! Do you realize I could stand here on this broken down porch and scream myself silly and no one would hear? Have you any idea how long it takes me just to walk up our lane for the mail? How private can you get?"

"Well, I don't know," said Herbert thoughtfully. "Sometimes I wonder if our chimney mightn't show a little?"

"Above all the nice tall trees!" said

Myra sarcastically. "It couldn't possibly. And now what's next on your worry-list?"

She need not have asked. Herbert had already found something else to worry about — his nearest neighbor. Actually, this neighbor lived half a mile away, but that was still too close for Herbert, because on occasion the neighbor came to call. As a matter of fact, he was coming now! Herbert watched with loathing as the nearest neighbor's battered car came bobbing down the private lane like a cork in a mill-race.

"Oh, no! Not Charlie Schmoyer

again!" groaned Herbert. He dropped his trowel and bolted for the screen door. "I'll hide inside, and you tell him I'm not home!" he said.

Myra blocked his flight. "Herbert, stop acting as if everyone is a bill collector!"

"Tell him I'm not home," said Herbert.

"You made me tell him that yesterday and just then you sneezed in the woodshed."

"Myra! Please tell him . . . Oh, oh — too late! He sees me!"

Myra thought: Oh, this is like being married to a fugitive!

Herbert thought: Now Charlie'll give me another pitch about joining their dinky volunteer fire company!

Charlie Schmoyer brought his car to a shattering halt. He thought: I wonder if Herby boy has any cold beer in the house?

At forty, Charlie Schmoyer was as big and friendly as a Saint Bernard, and a cask tied about his neck not only would have completed the picture but would have pleased Charlie very much. Grinning amiably, he crossed to the porch, swaying ever

so slightly in a non-existent breeze. "Ho, folks," he greeted. "Pretty warm today."

"It sure is, Charlie," said Myra pleasantly. Herbert glared at her.

"Dry too," said Charlie, then waited anxiously. As usual there was no offer

from Herbert to assuage the drought. "Ah, well," he said, "the reason I dropped by, Herby boy, was to see if you'd made up your mind yet about joining our fire company. You'll join, won't you?"

"Nope," said Herbert flatly.

Charlie stared, disappointed and incredulous. No one had ever had to ask him to join. If there had not been a fire company, Charlie would have started one.

"But, Herby," he persisted, "surely you want to be one of us boys?"

"I was one of 'us boys' in the Army. That was enough."

"Then can't I appeal to your community spirit, Herby boy?"

"I haven't any," said Herbert coldly. "I see no reason for humanity clinging together like bananas in a bunch."

"Still the time might come you'd be glad to see our fire engine."

"I've seen it," said Herbert. "I've also seen some of the firemen. And I've taken out lots more fire insurance."

"Okay, Herbert, if that's how you feel about us," said Charlie stiffly. "It's your funeral; you're missing out on

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The woman said something to Herbert about having a baby.



# SHOULD WE KEEP PROPPING UP TITO?

By **IVAN FRANCES**

**Our policy of trying to buy friendship with American dollars is especially foolhardy in a country that is run by a communist dictator.**



Yugoslav leaders reviewing May Day Parade in Belgrade. Arrow points to Tito.



Our State Department agreed to send about \$500,000,000 worth of goods to Yugoslavia through UNRRA, to be distributed there by a Russian general.

**Y**UGOSLAVIA, a country of 16 million inhabitants and about the size of the state of Oregon, is today of particular importance. It is a country in a peculiarly strategic position. To the west and south it controls the lines of communications to Italy, Greece and the Mediterranean. To the north it menaces the allied flank in Austria.

It is therefore necessary, everyone agrees, to have a friendly government in Yugoslavia.

In October, 1944 the Russian Army

entered Belgrade, the capital city of Yugoslavia, and a communist government under Marshal Tito was imposed on the people. With Russian help the local communist party took control of a country where about 80 percent of the population are small landowners, farmers, instinctively and irreconcilably opposed to communism. All provisions of the Yalta Agreement were cynically and deliberately violated. No one protested. To the contrary, the State Department agreed to send about

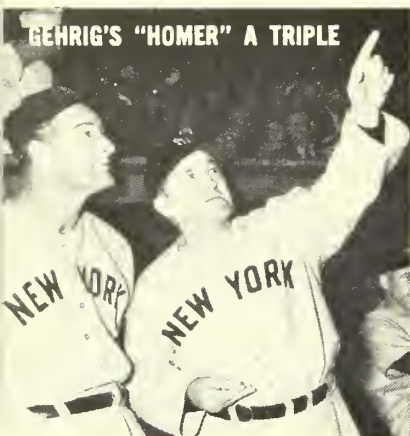
\$500,000,000 worth of goods to Yugoslavia thru UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association), thereby considerably strengthening the newly established communist government. It also agreed that these goods be distributed in Yugoslavia by a Russian general, although the American contribution to UNRRA funds was more than 70 percent, and the Russian contribution practically nothing. Dean Acheson was then Assistant Secretary of State and in charge of UNRRA for the State Department.

After Yugoslavia had received all assigned UNRRA aid, the relations between her and the United States deteriorated rapidly. This culminated with the wilful, deliberate destruction of two American military transport planes flying a short distance over Yugoslav territory. For years strong anti-American propaganda swept the country. The communist government did everything possible to annihilate the high standing of the United States in Yugoslavia. This propaganda had not the slightest success. The great majority of the population, especially the farmers, remained convinced that the United States was the only country which could and eventually would help them to destroy communism and restore freedom and democracy in Yugoslavia.

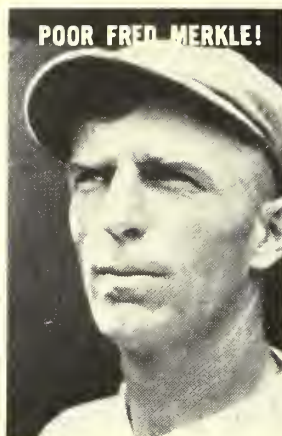
In June, 1948 the Yugoslav communist party was expelled from the Cominform, the central directing body of the communist movement in Europe. This deprived the Yugoslav communists of the support of Russia and European satellites. The place of Russia was promptly and eagerly taken by our State Department. Since then, the Department has been actively promoting

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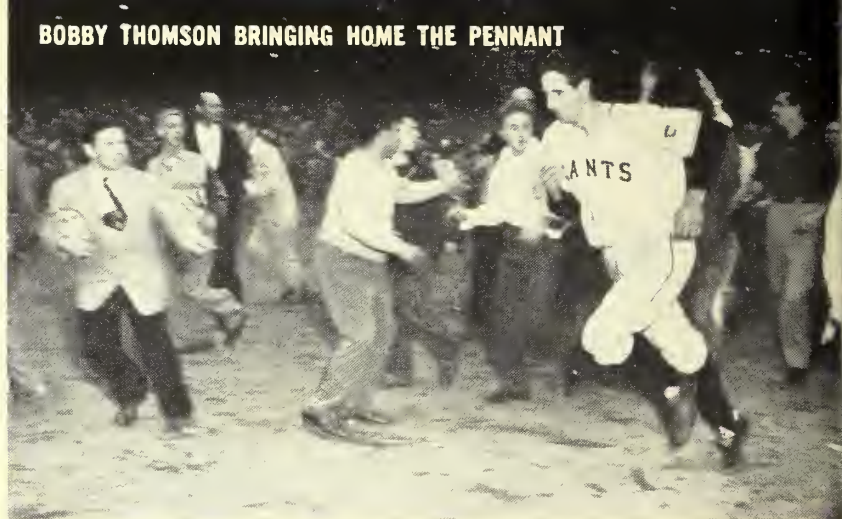




Joe McCarthy, right, coaching at third, forgot one little thing.



He was the victim of a smarter man—Evers.



1951: Bobby's historic homer, with two on in last of ninth, Giants trailing by two, knocks Brooks right out of World Series.

# BASEBALL'S

By **ERNIE HARWELL**

**H**IGHWAYS of America are hazardous ribbons of death; yet 14 street-corner lots produce the most publicized mishaps in the United States.

Although the importance of these accidents is microscopic compared to horrors of the highway, sixteen million people see them. Millions more follow them by newspaper, television, and radio.

The 14 sites of these accidents are the neatly-manicured big league baseball diamonds where fortunes are made, careers broken, and lives changed.

Major leaguers are smooth-working, quick-thinking athletic mechanisms. But within their labyrinths of brain, muscle, and coordination something once in a while goes wrong. There is an accident or—in baseball parlance—a boner. These boners are remembered long after a player's heroics have been buried in the agate type of batting, fielding and pitching averages.

Managers, fans, and even umpires pull boners, too. In fact, though the 16 major league teams are more than halfway through their 1952 pennant races, there is still heated controversy over a boner which Chuck Dressen, the Brooklyn manager, committed ten months ago. This one happened at the corner of Eighth avenue and 157th street in New York City, a piece of land called the Polo Grounds, despite the fact that polo has never been played there. On the afternoon of October 3, 34,320 had

**For every hero there's a goat, of course. Outstanding play will make the fans forget an error, but a mental lapse follows the victim to the grave.**

converged at this valuable real estate property to watch the final game of the National League play-off.

The Brooklyn Dodgers were leading, 4 to 2, but the Giants hadn't given up. New York had the tying runs on second and third with only one out. At the plate waited one of the Giants' home run threats, Bobby Thomson.

Manager Dressen called time and trotted to the mound. He chatted with his pitcher, Don Newcombe.

"What about it, Newk?" Dressen asked.

"This game's too important to risk on my arm," answered the tiring and sore-armed Newcombe.

Dressen stroked his chin with his right hand. Newcombe must be pulled. But who should be his reliefer—Carl Erskine, Clem Labine or Ralph Branca? Dressen gave the signal to the far-away bullpen. Toward the mound strode Branca.

All the world knows what happened. Branca's second pitch rocketed off Thomson's bat into the left field seats. A three-run homer, and the Giants had won the pennant.

Dressen's choice still is being harpooned. Branca, Chuck's critics say, was exactly the wrong guy to pitch to Thomson. Thomson had homered off him two days before and for the year Branca allowed the Giants the high total of 11 homers. Furthermore, the Giants beat Branca six times, more than any club defeated any other pitcher in either league. Certainly, on the basis of results Dressen pulled a classic boner. It was a mistake which may rank with two others that startled fans at the Polo Grounds—Fred Merkle's failure to touch second in 1908 and Heinie Zimmerman's dash after Eddie Collins in the 1917 World Series.

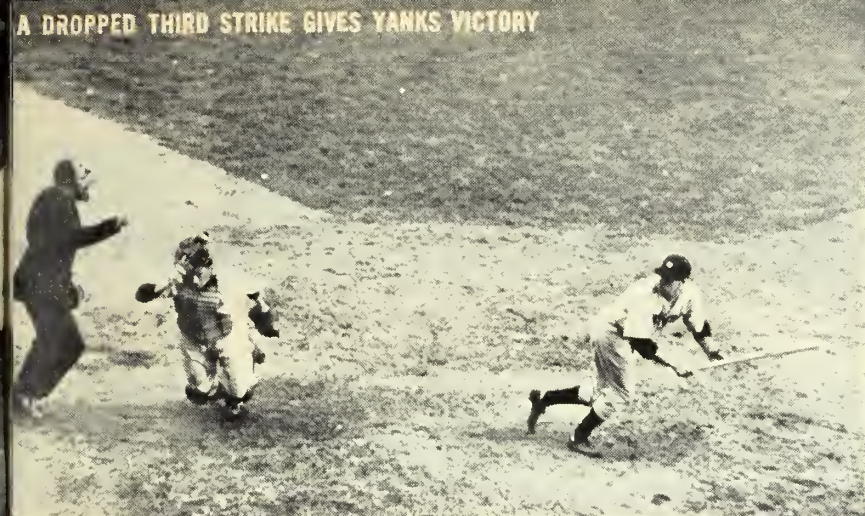
Merkle's lapse—the biggest rock since Stone Mountain—cost the Giants a pennant and ruined Merkle's career.

A victory for the Giants over Chicago that afternoon of September 23rd, 1908 would have meant the championship. With the score 1 to 1 in the ninth Moose McCormick singled for New York. Merkle came in to pinch-hit. He singled McCormick to third. With two out Al Bridwell also

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A DROPPED THIRD STRIKE GIVES YANKS VICTORY



PHILS' FANS RIOT, GIANTS WIN ON FORFEIT



1941 Series: Henrich fans, game's over. But ball slithers out of Owen's mitt. Door's open, N. Y. goes on to win, next day takes championship from Brooklyn.

Garbage covered the field, with the home team two runs down in ninth. The umpires could make only one call.

# HALL OF BLAME

TENTH-INNING BONER SINKS DETROIT

Catcher Robinson forgets force is off and Cleveland Pitcher Bob Lemon slides over plate with winning run







During WW I the public was beguiled with publicity about planes powered with Liberty engines. The sad truth came later.



Our Sabre Jets today are good, but in some ways the Russian MIG is better. And we still aren't able to make enough.

# ARE WE GIVING OUR

Americans are justly proud of their ability to out-produce the world in civilian goods, but when it comes to weapons our production record is shameful.

**By ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON**

BRIG. GEN. ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, RETIRED  
VICE CHAIRMAN, WAR PRODUCTION BOARD  
CHAIRMAN, SMALLER WAR PLANTS CORPORATION

**T**HE UNITED STATES produces the highest quality motor cars, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, coffee percolators, machine tools, and a host of other world's bests. Our productive capacity is head and shoulders above that of every other country. With all this, how can we explain our second-class weapons? What stands between our superiority in civilian goods and our mediocrity in shootin' irons? This second-hand accomplishment ranges from jet fighters through submarines to tanks and rapid-fire guns. What

stands between our productive genius on the homefront and the delivery of top-quality fighting hardware to the combat fronts of the air, land, and sea?

In World War I the Allies' outstanding artillery was the great French 75. This was the world's best combat field gun in the days of trench warfare. We had no artillery of our own worthy of the name. Our Springfield rifles were all right but our machine guns were of questionable merit. We never put an American-designed fighter airplane over the battle lines. The French had,

## WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY UNDERRATED THE ENGINEERING ABILITY OF OUR ENEMIES



It took the Germans to develop the Schnorkel shown above, which gives subs added range.



Only now are we beginning to get tanks which are a match for this Russian T-34 in use in the Korean War.



The Russian Tokarev semi-automatic rifle may look crude but it is an efficient, hard-hitting weapon easily made.



# GI's INFERIOR WEAPONS ?



We now have a good bazooka in Korea and it was developed and put into production in record time. But why weren't such weapons available earlier?

## LET'S STOP KIDDING OURSELVES

By DONALD R. WILSON

*National Commander, The American Legion*

I urge you to read this article by Gen. Robert W. Johnson. It is an extremely disturbing piece, but it is one that cannot be ignored by veterans. It concerns the lives of the men who are fighting in Korea, and the lives of those who will bear arms if the communists decide to start other wars. Many Legionnaires are now fighting on the Korean front, and many others will be called if there is more trouble. And, since you may be one of them, this article has a personal meaning for you.

It places on the record some shameful facts about the quality and quantity of

American weapons, and it asks some searching questions. Why, in spite of \$60,000,000,000 appropriated since V-J Day, are we still giving our fighting men inferior and obsolete equipment, and not in great quantities either? Who is responsible for the double-talk which leads taxpayers to believe that they are getting honest value for their tax dollars, and that great quantities of war goods are coming from our production lines? Where are the bottlenecks and who is responsible for delays, waste, inefficiency and extravagance? Why, in short, can't we get production and not just promises?

among others, the Spad, acknowledged to be one of the best. After a great struggle and much time, we did succeed in delivering a handful of DH-4's, a De Havilland job based on an antiquated English design with an American Liberty motor, which even then was little better than a rather dangerous training plane. The Germans, through the efforts of a Dutchman named Anthony Fokker, had probably the world's best fighter aircraft. The British had four good ones—the Sopwith Camel, the SE5 Sopwith, the Dolphin, and the Bristol Fighter.

It can be said that WW I caught us by surprise. We had enjoyed peace for a generation and might have been excused for our unpreparedness. World War II found us without a combat tank and with none on the drawing boards. Through an effort little short of an upheaval, we finally put in Africa some Sherman tanks so limited in design that the turret gun could swing only half an arc. If the enemy happened to be on the blank side, our boys were sitting ducks. The Germans had the world's best tanks and the famous 88 high-powered gun which we then could not match. We did not at that time have a supply of rapid-fire semi-automatic or  
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We have the brains and the experience to mass-produce, but a reorganization of procedure is needed to tie things together.





Coney Island, the world's most famous amusement park, offers thrills and chills to visitors, and a special off-shore fireworks display on Aug. 26.



The Statue of Liberty, symbol of America, stands on Bedloes Island, in New York Bay. It is easily reached by ferry from the Battery.

# You are invited to the



Boarding-house reach—feeding a giraffe at Central Park Zoo, a big attraction for all ages.

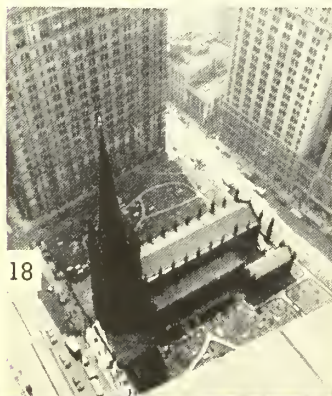


Radio City Music Hall, stage shown above, is one of the musts when visiting Rockefeller Center. Seats 5,000 and is usually packed to the rafters.



A lot of Legionnaires will be interested in the water front. Here's the mighty Queen Mary, ready to dock. Backdrop, New York skyline.

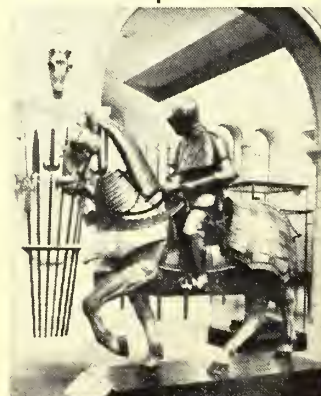
Looking down on Trinity Church at Broadway and Wall Street, a Lower New York landmark.



This is the Automat. Cafeteria style, you drop your nickels in a slot and get food and drink.



Soldier on horseback. Italian knight of 16th century still rides in Metropolitan Museum.



Midtown Fifth Avenue in the Rockefeller Center area, the route of march of big parade.







Television? Center of broadcasts, most popular programs come out of New York. "Surprise Store" shot.



Baseball fans will have opportunity to see big league games. New York Yankees will play Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Browns and Washington Senators at Yankee Stadium.

# NATIONAL CONVENTION

**NEW YORK CITY  
AUGUST 24-28**

By **BOYD B. STUTLER**

**N**EW YORK has everything it takes to make a great convention city—it has all the physical equipment to care for the largest assemblies. It has hotel and housing in plenty, unexcelled transportation facilities, glamor spots, historic sites, libraries and museums, sports events, and shops where one may buy anything from gadgets on up. New York has everything, and the visitor can make up his own daily schedule for weeks, without repeating a single event.

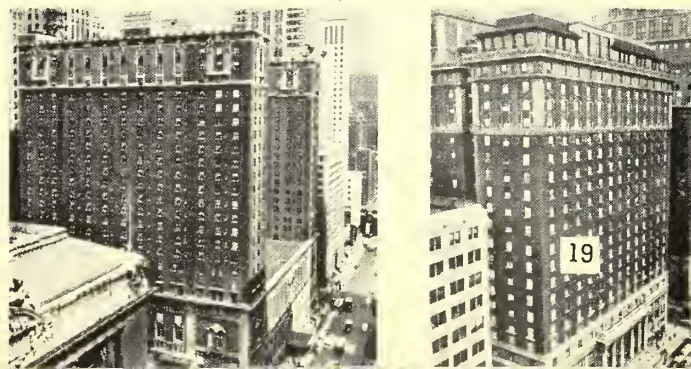
All this, plus a warm welcome from the nearly 8,000,000 New Yorkers, awaits the Legionnaire conventioners when they meet in this metropolis of America for their 34th annual National Convention on August 24-28. There's nothing like it any place in the world. Old timers are still talking about the record-breaking Conventions held in New York in 1937 and 1947—and they're not talking about breaking records, but about what they did and what they saw at the Convention, and about the fellows whom they had not seen since demobilization who turned up at the outfit reunions.

For the Legionnaires and their families who will double their vacation week with attendance at the Convention, Times Square, Broadway, Rockefeller Center, the Bowery, Chinatown, Coney Island, some dozens of other intriguing spots await exploration. There are ferry-boat rides—and one must pay respect to the Statue of Liberty—and excursion boats making trips around the tight little island that is called Manhattan. There's Central Park



Here's what the great auditorium of Madison Square Garden looked like when the 29th Legion Convention, 1947, opened. All sessions will be held in the Garden.

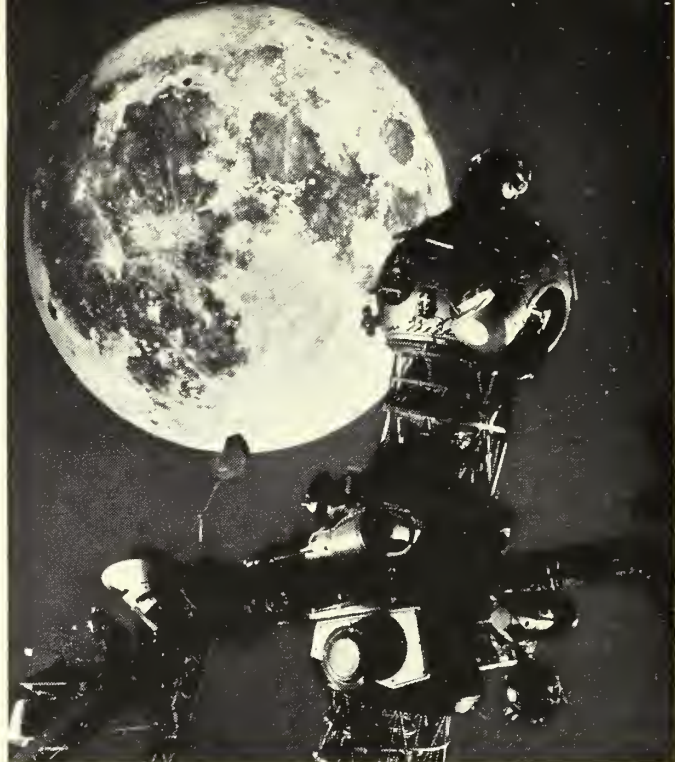
The Statler Hotel (formerly the Pennsylvania) at right will be the Legion official headquarters hotel. The Auxiliary selected the Commodore, left, as headquarters and business sessions.







Treasury Building at Wall Street. Wall Street Post meets here and will hold open house in quarters on site of the first U. S. Capitol.



Hayden Planetarium's top show, "A Rocket to the Moon," is being restaged for showing to Legionnaires. It's exciting.

## (continued) You are invited to the NATIONAL CONVENTION

inviting the visitor, with cabbies wearing tall silk hats, offering rides in quaint old horse-drawn carriages—or one can get an auto and do the Park quick-time.

In clubs, restaurants and hotel dining rooms there is an exciting diversion and a place fitted for every taste and at nearly every price range—one can make dining in New York an adventurous experience, even to dining in the automat where one drops nickels in the slot to get the dishes desired. Theaters—both stage and movie—will attract thousands, with the top-notch Broadway shows in demand. And in sports events there will be tugboat and international life boat races on the Hudson, big league baseball games, boxing bouts and some dozens of other events. The kind that many visitors see on television, but rarely have opportunity to see in live performances.

And shopping! The distaff side of the family is offered the experience of a life-time in window-shopping and buying in the specialty stores, the big department stores and in the most exclusive shops in the world. Glamorous Fifth Avenue and the shopping area, the fashion shows, the special arrangements made by many of the big stores to care for visitors—all this will make a visit to New York a delight to the missus and the miss.

If the conventioneer wants to get out of the mid-town area where the main Convention activities will be centered—and he must if he sees the colorful band, drum and bugle corps and other contests, and takes a looksee at other events—there are quick, easy and cheap facilities for transportation. The subway, that underground network of railway lines which serves millions of passengers every day, affords rapid passage from one end of the town to the other. Just drop a dime in the slot at the turnstile and board the train. In fact, one can ride on this system without changing trains from Times Square to Coney Island—some 16 miles—all for a dime.

Surface transportation is by bus, all plainly marked—and the first-time visitor will not want to miss the ride up or down Fifth Avenue in one of the big double-decker buses. That will give a close-up of the Avenue and its many attractions and also give a rest to tired feet.

While the Convention official sessions will not open until Monday morning, August 25, the activities will get under way on Sunday morning with contest events, running through the day, and with the annual non-denominational Memorial Service at the Mall, Central Park, beginning at 7:30 P.M. The al-

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Chase National Bank has all the money in the world—that is, all different kinds. Legion to view big collection.



Down in the subway, underneath the city streets. Millions use these lines every day. Typical crowd hanging from straps.





A ferry or an excursion boat gives an excellent chance to take a good look at the piles of steel, stone, brick and concrete that go to make up the New York skyline.

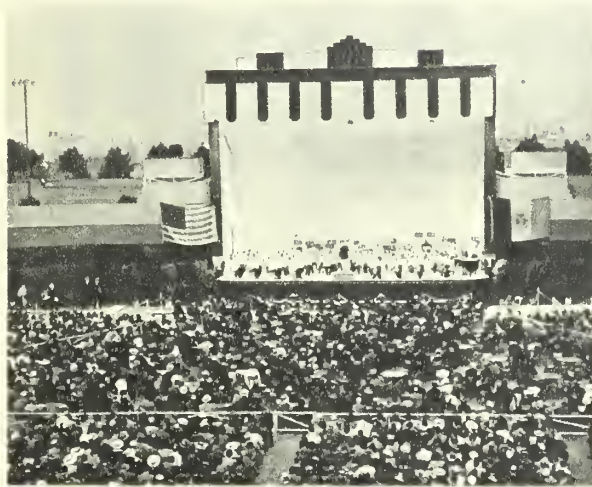


This is Times Square at night, center of shows, night life, fun and frolic. Most Legionnaires will find it.

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Oldest show on Broadway, the Flea Circus. Trained fleas go through their routine with the precision of a circus act. Worth seeing.



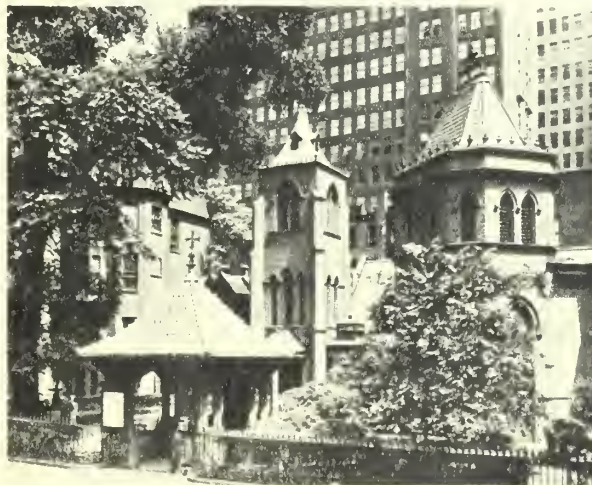
Lewisohn Stadium, 138th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, where the senior and junior Color Guards and Firing Squads will put on their competition for champ honors.



Grant's Tomb and Riverside Church in bold relief on skyline, viewed from a launch on Hudson.



Everyone has heard of New York's Chinatown and a lot of Legionnaires will want to see that part of the city; and maybe dine.



Not the largest by any means, but perhaps one of the best known churches is "The Little Church Around the Corner," noted for marriages. Also known as Actors' Church.

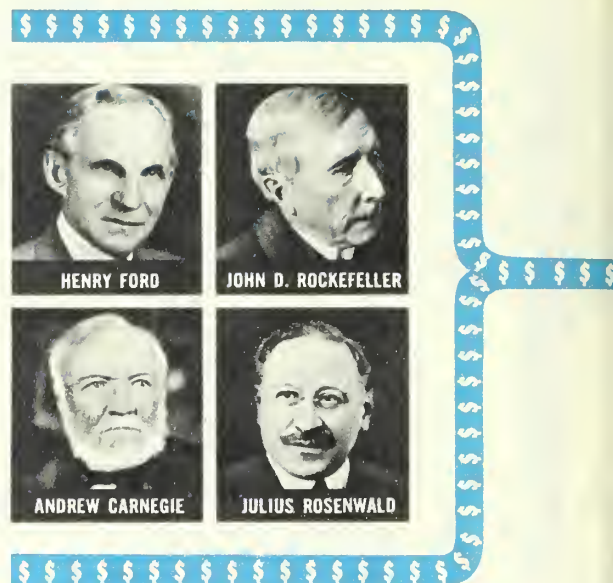


Triboro Stadium on Randall's Island; site of main events, Drum and Bugle Corps Contest, on Aug. 25.



# Let's look at our FOUNDATIONS

The names of Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie and Rosenwald are synonymous with capitalism, but in some mysterious manner millions of dollars left by such capitalists have fallen into strange hands.



These captains of industry probably would have disapproved many of the grants made by foundations bearing their names.

By **WILLIAM FULTON**

**I**N THE EARLY days of the American communist movement, Stalin's agents smuggled millions of dollars' worth of Czarist jewels into this country for the financing of his subversive activities. A few years later, the Kremlin's operatives brought in millions of counterfeit dollars for the same purpose. All this has been made a matter of public record in sworn testimony.

Times have changed, however, and the American communists are no longer dependent upon gold, jewels, or counterfeit money smuggled in from abroad.

What happens nowadays is that the Kremlin agents get some of their necessary bankroll right here in the United States, and what is even more shocking is that they get it in part from funds and foundations established under the very capitalistic system which they seek to destroy.

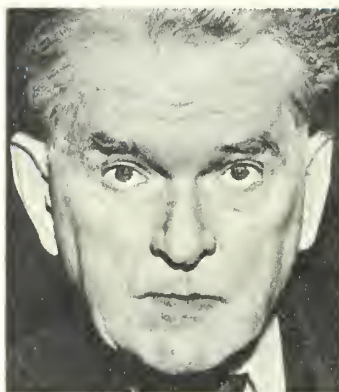
Communists have long been proud of their ability to get non-communists to do a lot of their subversive work. They have been just as adept at getting the non-communist dollars of the great foundations to finance their revolutionary projects.

These foundations are the huge pools of capital created by industrial tycoons and merchant princes—the funds left by the Carnegies, Rockefellers, Rosenwalds, and Fords for the betterment of mankind. Their large tax-exempt income is dipped into by outright communists, fellow travelers, socialists, dogooders, one-worlders, wild-eyed Utopians, and well-meaning dupes.

So successfully have radicals of all hues been draining the funds of the liberal American philanthropies that an alarmed Congress earlier this year decided to undertake an investigation "to determine which such foundations and organizations are using their resources for un-American and subversive activi-

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## CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION



**Congressman Eugene Cox (D., Ga.) whose resolution provides for an investigation into foundations.**

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ties or for purposes not in the interest or traditions of the United States."

Representative Eugene Cox, author of the resolution to investigate, took the position that although foundations are private institutions and in many fields have been beneficial to the commonweal, they exert tremendous influence

upon public thought by means of the way in which they channel their almost inexhaustible funds. It was altogether fitting and proper, the Georgian argued, to turn the spotlight of public scrutiny on the inner workings of the foundations to find out if their actions are consistent with the public welfare. There are approximately 10,000 of them, big and little, according to Treasury estimates, and the total capital reservoir involved is in excess of three billion dollars.

How do the Stalinites and their stooges dip their buckets into the foundation pool?

They do it by masking the contributions they receive as legitimate and charitable. Millions of dollars have been ladled out to communists and red-front organizations under such euphemisms as fellowships, scholarships, research, studies for such humanitarian causes as international peace, better human relations, and the like. Sometimes the ultimate beneficiary of such funds is hidden by cleverly relaying the money through two or even three intermediary foundations.

If they are not deterred by powerful pressures, the Congressional investigators will find other instances like that of Alger Hiss, the traitor who became head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the notorious Institute of Pacific Relations, a communist-infested outfit financed largely by the foundations. Hiss was a strategically-placed State Department official at



FOR THE MOST PART OUR GREAT FOUNDATIONS HAVE DONE A WORLD OF GOOD



They have fought sickness. Here a field worker for the Rockefeller Foundation collects blood samples for use in the control of yellow fever.



They have helped to spread knowledge. This Carnegie Library at Huntington, W. Va., is one of hundreds of Carnegie-endowed libraries.

Yalta where vital concessions were made to Russia. He was also secretary of the San Francisco Conference which created the United Nations. The Institute of Pacific Relations followed the Soviet line on the Far East and greatly influenced the State Department in the series of diplomatic defeats that ended in the Korean conflict. (See *The Strange Case of the I.P.R.*, March, 1952 issue, *The American Legion Magazine*.)

It is a phenomenon of these big trusts that the names of favored individuals and organizations keep bobbing up for financial aid. Another phenomenon is that the directorates are quite often interlocking.

Alger Hiss is an example. He became a vested interest in the world of the foundations. Besides enjoying a \$20,000-a-year job as president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, an 11-million-dollar trust, from 1946 to 1949 when trials laid bare his perfidy, Hiss had a hand in several other foundations. He was a trustee of both the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the World Peace Foundation. He was also a director of the American Institute of Pacific Relations, the American Peace

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What caused two foundations to come through with \$45,000 for Sorah Lawrence College when this Yonkers, N. Y., school was under Legion attack for having pro-commies on its faculty?

BUT WHAT ABOUT GRANTS THEY'VE MADE TO SUCH PEOPLE AS THESE?



**Alger Hiss**  
From State Department, to Carnegie Corporation, to the penitentiary.



**Owen Lottimore**  
The controversial "Dr." wangled millions for his Johns Hopkins school.



**Honns Eisler**  
The brother of the infamous spy got a rich grant from the Rockefellers.



**Louis Adamic**  
The late pro-commie author was "one of the greediest" beneficiaries.



**Thomas I. Emerson**  
Yale professor who was head of the subversive National Lawyers' Guild.



**Corey McWilliams**  
His front record didn't interfere with a grant from the Guggenheims.



**Maurice Hindus**  
Another pro-commie author who benefited from the Guggenheim millions.



**Langston Hughes**  
He too had his hand out for capitalist dollars. Remember his poem?



**Dr. Harold Rugg**  
From Carnegie came almost a half-million for his department at Columbia.



# PARTIES with a PURPOSE



Models are often hired to brighten things up.

The lowdown on the high jinks that are frequently perpetrated to promote a product, a person or a big idea.

By TOM MAHONEY

ILLUSTRATED BY WHITNEY DARROW

GLASS EYES rolled out of envelopes recently on the desks of many New York newspaper men and women. All of the recipients had a full equipment of natural eyes, some of them quite attractive, but there had been no mistake. The glass eyes accompanied invitations to a press party publicizing a new television program. Its name was "The Private Eye."

The glass eyes, of course, were merely novel gimmicks to make these invitations stand out from a small mountain of others that arrived the same day. As such, they are symptoms of the importance attained by that strange social function, the press party. When future historians write of these parlous times, some may term it the Atomic Age, but those who really know will call it the Era of the Press Party.

Why have a press party? If a manufacturer has a ponderous new gadget or a freshly hatched line of fashions that must be seen to be understood and appreciated, it is obviously simpler to bring the press to the object than to truck the object around to the press. If the host is promoting a mountain, a ship, or a foreign country, he gives thought to a press junket. A press junket, it had better be explained, is a rolling, floating, or flying press party.

Some press parties are thrown without any immediate end in view. The Radio Corporation of America, for example, bundles up a sizeable segment



In one case the invitations were hauled by carrier pigeons.

of the New York press every so often and takes it to dinner and the theater with only the long-range aim of good feeling. Several automobile companies in Detroit and the famous Neiman-Marcus store in Dallas do the same thing each year. One of the latter's invitations reads:

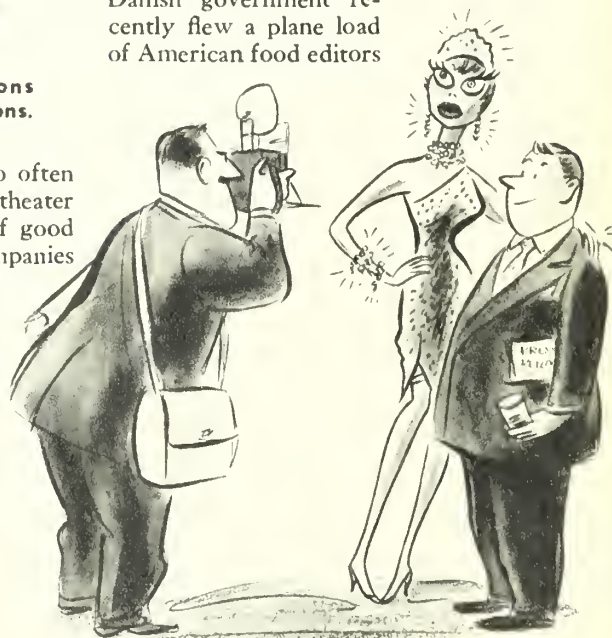
CLEARING OUR STOCKS!  
EVERYTHING MUST GO!

SCOTCH  
BOURBON  
MIXED DRINKS  
KNICK-KNACKS  
COME EARLY AND  
AVOID THE CROWDS!

The great majority of press parties, however, are invited gatherings for the revelation of something new or — more

likely—a new version of something old, with the fervent hope that those attending will publicize same. The something may be an automobile, a motion picture, a show, or a pretzel. In fact, elaborate press parties have been held recently for a freight car, a girdle, a nail polish, and even a new floor mop.

Press parties are tossed by every kind of business, the Armed Services, government agencies, and some foreign governments. The Navy has had some nice junkets on its battle wagons. The Danish government recently flew a plane load of American food editors



Guests were allowed to pose with Carol Channing. Ladies were allowed to wear a 250-carat diamond tiara for press pictures.





**There is no guarantee that the guests will share the host's enthusiasm for the product or write a word about it.**

across the Atlantic for a look at its cheese industry. There are so many press parties that several persons earn their living compiling and selling schedules of them to hosts who want to avoid conflicting dates.

They are of both social and business importance to those involved. Writers wangle better jobs with rival publications at press parties. Beautiful women have been won and lost at them. The parties themselves are a big business. Any sort of affair involves refreshments, at least a little food, and often music or other entertainment. This runs into millions for hotels and caterers.

One reason for the outlay is the widely held belief that people have a greater regard for a man who buys them a drink, especially if it is a good drink, than for his competitor who neglects this amenity. A better reason, however, is the host's idea that he has something authentically wonderful and that the whole world ought to hear about it. Instead of sending a mimeographed release, accompanied by carefully retouched glossy prints, he dares to expose his earth-shaking subject to the personal scrutiny of the press. Party attendance thus becomes not only pleasure but duty for the press, in the tradition of first-hand reporting and Stanley going after Livingston. This, of course, doesn't mean that the guests will share the host's enthusiasm or even bother to write a word about his product.

Even carefully planned press parties sometimes go awry. For the glory of a

new watch, a hard-working femme press agent last year tossed a pleasant party at the Waldorf-Astoria. Present were wire-service men, fashion editors, and even some radio pundits, as well as

"My bearings!" he bleated with horror.

"Don't worry, old man," soothed a lady guest over her Manhattan. "You're right here in the Waldorf."

"But my ball bearings!" moaned the man. "My little ball bearings! They're gone."

Tiny ball bearings, so small that they floated atop a drink, were the big feature of the new watch. Some thirsty guest had unknowingly swallowed the prize exhibit.

Neither the guest nor the watch suffered from this, but things can be rougher, much rougher. About a decade ago, a manufacturer, whose name is mercifully suppressed here, dreamed up a new type of locomotive. It had the power of 5,000 horses under its streamlined hood and was ballyhooed as being able to cross the continent virtually without

water. If the monster would perform as promised, a railroad was agreeable to buying two at \$1,500,000 or so each, and they were built.

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**A refrigerator manufacturer loaded \$2,000,000 in cash into one of his new models to ballyhoo a contest.**

the expected trade turnout. Things were going swimmingly when an executive of the watch company suddenly looked into an empty glass that reposed on a display table among various



# The Common

By **GEORGE H. WALTZ, JR.**



**We Americans spend \$300 million a year fighting it, often with the wrong weapons.**

**I**F WE as a nation have any typically national ailment, it is the well-known "tummy ache." By all odds, the average American stomach is the most misused and most misunderstood organ in the world.

—is a simple organ that can be brow-beaten and self-doctored. As a result, most of us hold in our heads a vast fund of misinformation about our all-important breadbaskets, and we continue to burp, try all kinds of patent medicines,

naturally in the stomach of any of us.

And second, swallowing a sudsy glass of bicarbonate of soda merely serves to generate carbon dioxide gas when it reacts with the hydrochloric acid normally in the stomach. What the bicarb addicts burps up is manufactured gas that wasn't there in the first place. About all it does is make him "think" that he is getting relief, but what he doesn't know is that bicarbonate of soda and similar "gas relievers" can be dangerous stomach irritants if used to excess. In any case, he would do better



**1. First step in a too familiar story of eating far too much, and entirely too fast.**



**2. Digestion is difficult when a person is under strong tension.**



**3. A little gas on the stomach? His answer to that is a glass of bicarb.**

If you doubt either of those statements, take a quick mental inventory of your friends and business associates.

How many of them are continually popping pills and potions into their mouths to relieve what they call "gas"? How many claim to suffer from "acidity"? How many are bothered by a so-called "nervous stomach"? And how many are nursing an "Ulric the ulcer"?

The unfortunate thing is that few of us really know very much about our digestive systems. To most of us, a tummy ache is any pain that twinges our mid-sections. We feel that the stomach—unlike the heart or the brain

and yield to all sorts of food fads and fallacies.

How often, for example, after a meal have you heard someone say, "My stomach's full of gas. Think I'll take some bicarb." Unfortunately, bicarb and similar prepared concoctions have all but become America's favorite after-mealtime habit. It has been estimated that Americans spend more than \$300 million a year on "tummy toner-uppers" on a "doctor-yourself basis." Yet, in the majority of cases, both the diagnosis and the treatment are wrong.

First of all, it is a rare occasion when any appreciable amount of gas is formed

to forget his after-eating potion and pay more attention to his general eating habits.

In most cases, his uncomfortable bloated feeling is caused by one of two things: by air swallowed during the course of gulping down a hurried meal while chewing too little and talking too much, or by some food or foods to which he is sensitive or allergic. Just as some people break out in a rash when they eat lobster or berries, others show no outward visible signs of their food allergy but suffer internal discomfort. Although, as one might expect, such foods as cabbage, onions, radishes, cu-



# Tummy-Ache



4. Now it's severe cramps, and are they killing him!

PHOTOS BY ANGELA CALOMIRIS

cumbers, and cantaloupe are the most common offenders, many people are sensitive to such simple things as chicken, potatoes, and fish. The answer lies not in alkalizers, but in eating more slowly and avoiding any food that might be causing an allergy. A doctor can help out on the last score by determining by test what foods if any are the offenders.

The second most prevalent addict to the milky after-dinner drink, or the alkalizing pill, is the person who claims to suffer from an "acid stomach." He's quite sure of his ailment—foods repeat on him and he often gets a sour, acidic

taste in his mouth after his meals. He can prove all of his fears to you by sticking out his tongue and showing you how badly coated it is. What he doesn't know is that the normal stomach is always acid—it has to be to digest the variety of foods dumped into it, most times with little discretion. He doesn't know that a coated tongue is not a stomach-trouble symptom, and, what's even more pathetic, he doesn't know that by over-alkalizing his system he can actually upset his digestion, disrupt the function of his kidneys, and tip over the normal acid-alkaline balance of his body. Here again, he would be better

off to forget his anti-acid remedies and pay more attention to the way he eats. Foods, particularly heavy fried foods, eaten hurriedly or under a nervous strain just can't be properly digested even by the most robust stomach. Sometimes they bounce back. If the "acid stomach" sufferer has any real fears, he should see his doctor.

The one thing that most "dyspeptics" fail to realize is that although some sixteen inches of body separates his brain from his stomach, the two are closely inter-related. Worry, aggravation, tenseness and anxiety often can do more to cause really serious stomach ailments than the actual foods eaten. Doctors' files are filled with the case histories of patients whose tummy aches and digestive disorders have been completely relieved by a change of job, a change of scenery, or a visit to a good psychiatrist.

Just how close the action of the brain is to the action of the stomach is easily demonstrated. Have you ever noticed what happens when the odors coming from your kitchen tell you that your wife is cooking one of your favorite dishes? The saliva in your mouth automatically begins to flow and, at the same time, although you can't see it or feel it, your stomach is beginning to generate its juices in anticipation of the food it is about to receive.

The saliva helps to digest the starchy foods, but that is only the beginning of the digestive process. When the food finally reaches the stomach it goes about the process of digesting the proteins by its secretion of hydrochloric acid and pepsin. If all goes well, and according to schedule, the food prepared by the stomach is passed along to the small intestine, which in turn passes it along to

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Peace of mind is the great healer. Here's one way to achieve it.



# Let's go WESTERN!

A New Jersey Post reckoned there was gold in them thar western frills.



A rodeo parade during the afternoon, of covered wagon, teenage band and western riders featured the big western party.



A hold-up at the covered wagon last year. This year's gala event is set for Saturday, August 2nd.



The Square dancers turned out in force, many from local "western ranch stables" dressed in their best horsey outfits, without their horses. Could they dance!

By JOSEPH B. PEARMAN

Sister Barbara played her best songs for the boys at the big bar in the background.



Chairman Pearman, costume winners "Squaw" Holmes, "Cassidy" Daniels.



**H**ERE IS a new type of entertainment that is going like wild-fire, a chuck wagon party—and a new money maker for Legion Posts. Closter, N. J., Post No. 111, led the way in the East, using the old western idea of a round-up on the range.

Entertainment program included dancing on the paved street, eight-piece Legion orchestra, singing and dancing acts, bright lights and amplifiers, trading post for novelties, prizes for best ranch clothes, pony rides for the kids, Golden Horse Shoe Bar, snack bar, etc. Everybody had a good time for \$1.50 a ticket, kids half price. Profit, \$600 in 1951. In 1952, \$2,000?

THE END



# CONGRESS PASSES KOREA VET GI BILL

In its rush to wind up the sessions, Congress celebrated Independence Day by working from noon until late in the evening. Major act of that day, insofar as veterans are concerned, was the passage of a GI Bill of Rights for veterans of the Korean emergency with benefits applicable to all who have served in the Armed Forces since the outbreak of the hostilities in Korea.

The measure passed was a compromise effected by a Committee of Conference representing both House and Senate to iron out differences in measures previously passed by both houses. The compromise bill, modeled to some extent after the GI Bill of Rights for WW2 veterans, grants education and training, loan benefits, mustering out pay and unemployment benefits. The bill needs only the signature of President Truman to become law.

Under the measure as passed, veterans who have had at least 90 days' service since June 27, 1950, are entitled to one and one-half days of schooling for each day of service at Government expense, up to a maximum of 36 months of education or training. The students will receive a lump sum to cover tuition and living costs while attending educational institutions of their own choice—but the school they choose must have at least 15 percent non-veteran students. This proviso was aimed against schools organized solely to train veterans on Federal benefits.

The rates of payment are fixed as follows for full time students: Veteran without dependents, \$110 monthly; with one dependent, \$135, and with two or more dependents, \$160. Out of this allowance the student veterans would pay tuition charges, for books, and other incidentals of a school or college course, as well as to subsist. Rates of allowance are set for part-time study, and also for institutional and on-the-job training. Veterans would be required to begin their studies by August 20, 1954.

## Loan Provisions

The loan provisions of the Korea GI Bill are virtually the same as that fixed in the WW2 measure, which has been a life-saver for millions of vets. The loan authorization is as follows: Home loan guaranty up to 60 percent with \$7,500 maximum; business loan guaranty of \$2,000, and direct loans up to \$10,000 in non-metropolitan areas where private financing cannot be obtained, or lenders refuse to make loans at the rate of interest fixed. All loans have a maximum interest rate of 4 percent.

The bill also provides for mustering-out, or discharge pay, of \$100 to veterans with less than 60 days' service; \$200

for more than 60 days, none of it overseas, and \$300 for those who served more than 60 days, part of which was outside of the United States or Alaska. A safeguard was inserted to provide, however, that no veteran could draw more than one mustering-out pay allowance to apply to short-term men who might be discharged twice or more times during the current national emergency.

## Unemployment Compensation

The original measure as passed by the House and as reported to the floor of the Senate contained no provision for unemployment compensation. At the Legion's insistence, the bill was amended during discussion in the Senate to provide for Federal unemployment compensation to discharged veterans, to begin 90 days after separation from services, of not more than \$26 a week for a maximum of 26 weeks. The payments would be made through State unemployment agencies out of funds provided by the Federal Government.

In urging the inclusion of this feature Miles D. Kennedy, Director of the Legion's National Legislative Commis-

sion, wrote each Senator calling attention to a recent survey which indicated that 73 percent of the servicemen are youths who have had no employment experience. "Lacking business or industrial experience," he said, "they are naturally going to encounter certain difficulties in obtaining jobs upon their discharge from the Armed Forces." He defended the unemployment provisions of the WW2 GI Bill, and showed by charts that of 450 million weeks of entitlement available to WW2 veterans, 300 millions were not used.

In commenting on the bill, Jerome F. Duggan, St. Louis, Missouri, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission said: "The American Legion was mandated at its 1950 and 1951 Conventions to work for the passage of a Korean GI Bill of Rights that would give Korean veterans the same benefits awarded to World War II veterans. Though the present bill isn't all we would like it to be, in view of the fact that there are 800,000 veterans eligible who have already waited as long as two years, we feel that further delay would not benefit anyone, particularly the veteran."

# Big Value for Registrants N. Y. Convention; Early Birds to Get Choice Seats for Parade

Legionnaires who register early for the 34th annual National Convention in New York City, August 24-28, will really get big value for their money. Major prize for early registration is a choice ringside seat for the big parade on Tuesday, August 26th, one of the biggest spectacles of the century.

The Convention Corporation has set aside 8,000 tickets for grandstand seats which normally sell at \$5 each. These

will be given as a bonus to the first 8,000 Legionnaires registered. First come, first served—and now, with the Convention some weeks off, there is already a big demand for the seats from the non-Legionnaire public.

In addition, as an extra bonus early registrants will receive a free ticket to the Drum and Bugle Corps Contest finals to be held in Triboro Stadium. This, as all who have seen previous contests will agree, is one of the most colorful, fascinating and entertaining events connected with a Legion National Convention.

The grandstand seat and Drum and Bugle Corps Contest tickets are only two items in the big value registration packet.

In addition the packet contains the illustrated Convention program, badge, map of city, and entertainment coupons entitling registrants to price reductions and discounts of a great number of New York City entertainment features. There's a yacht cruise around Manhattan, sightseeing bus trip, the Aquashow, New York's sensational water extravaganza, "Rocket to the Moon," the Hayden Planetarium's unique star show, the Empire State Building observatories, and other distinct attractions which the visitors will want to see. These are only a few of the exciting

## ARIZONA MAKES ALL-TIME HIGH THIRD YEAR IN ROW

For the third consecutive year the Department of Arizona has made an all-time high in membership enrollment, reports the newly elected Department Commander, C. R. Waters of Kingman. Membership figures at Department Headquarters stood at 16,500 on June 30th, and Commander Waters has sent out a challenge to his membership workers "How Big Can We Be in '53." Already 9,500 have been pledged to come in before Armistice Day.

Other Departments which have reached an all-time high membership peak for 1952 are Colorado, Louisiana, Mexico, North Dakota, Philippine Islands, and Wyoming.



events in and around New York which offer substantial price reductions to Legionnaires through registration packet coupons.

By early registering Legionnaires may secure courtesies which amount to a sizable economic saving. Individual registration fee is \$3, but a special rate is granted uniformed groups at \$1 per member. Checks may be mailed direct to Thomas E. Paradine, Chairman, Registration Committee, American Legion National Convention Corporation, 500 Park Avenue, New York City.

## POST CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM STRESSES "LAND OF FREE"

An unusual and impressive "I Am an American" and Citizenship Day program was staged by Morning Star Post No. 904, West Wyoming, Pennsylvania, on May 18th, when young men and women coming of voting age and newly naturalized citizens received the American Legion Certificates of Public Recognition.

The theme of the observance was "The Land of the Free," and one of the highlight features was mingling of soil from 48 states of the American Union sent by the Governors of their respective States. Forty-eight citizens of the area each representing a State, participated in the ceremony. The program was arranged jointly by Past Commander Louis J. Greco, Post Americanism Chairman and Commander George Argent.

Among the speakers were Dr. J. B. Matthews, New York City, a frequent contributor to *The American Legion Magazine* on Americanism and anti-subversive subjects, and Congressman Daniel J. Flood, of the Pennsylvania 11th District. Mr. Flood was so impressed with the service that he spoke of it on the floor of the House, May 21, and at his request the entire program was printed in the *Congressional Record*.

The "Land of the Free" observance was concluded on Memorial Day, when the mingled soil from the 48 States was deposited at the base of the War Veterans' memorial in West Wyoming with appropriate ceremonies. A granite marker was placed over the soil with an inscription: "For this we fought—Land of the Free. Herein is deposited the soils representing each State in this great nation, a symbol of Unity, Freedom, Justice and Democracy."

### For Widows and Orphans

During a two-year period the North Carolina Veterans Commission, under Director J. M. (Jim) Caldwell, has filled out and filed 2,853 claims for war widows, orphans and dependent parents. Director Caldwell, long time Department Adjutant of the North Carolina Legion, has made this work a special campaign. He has set up a staff of experts to advise and assist this class of dependents, many of whom were unaware of the benefits to which they are entitled.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETS FIXED FOR EARLY '53 ENROLLMENT

Starting early on 1953 membership plans in preparation for a banner enrollment next year, Eight Area Membership Conferences have been announced by the National Membership and Post Activities Division. Post and Department membership leaders will be thoroughly briefed on promotional programs at these Conferences.

Area 1—(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont)—Parker House, Boston, Massachusetts, September 13-14.

Area 2—(New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia)—The American Legion Building, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., September 13-14.

Area 3—(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)—Department Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, August 9-10.

Area 4—(Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas)—Marion Hotel, Little Rock, Ark., September 13-14.

Area 8—(Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)—Bannock Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho, August 2-3.

Conferences for Areas 5, 6 and 7 were held during the months of June and July.

## "WANT AD" PLAN TO HELP VETS BRINGS FINE RESULT

Back in 1946, when young men were being released from the services in great numbers and were having difficulty in finding jobs, a plan of assistance was devised by Patrolman Edward McGuire, New York City Police Department, which is still working effectively in some places. A non-veteran, the police officer was giving much of his off-duty time to assisting veterans in finding jobs and places to live. It was slow business. He then worked out a plan of newspaper cooperation by having free want ads to fit the veteran's need published.

That took a lot of space, but some 100 newspapers throughout the country accepted the plan at the start, resulting in benefit to thousands of newly-released service men and women. Employment services accepted the plan, broadening the scope of the work. Patrolman McGuire has been commended by the New York Police Commissioner and by other officials for this public service.

### First Over for 1953

Neck in neck, two Posts reported completion of quota for 1953. Monclova (Ohio) Post No. 556 was the first to get its quota of 55 in to National Headquarters under the postmark date of June 30. But Tennessee Department Adjutant W. R. Looney on June 24 reported that Franklin County Post No. 14, Winchester, had exceeded its quota of 400—and was waiting for membership cards to make proper returns.

## 8 AND 40 AIDS IN CARE OF TUBERCULAR CHILDREN

A total of \$18,320.72 was contributed by the Eight and Forty, affiliate of the American Legion Auxiliary, during the year ending June 1 to further its children's program at the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, Colorado. The report of accomplishment was made up by Mrs. Lucille Hayes, Chairman of the organization's National Jewish Hospital Committee.

The Children's Department at the Hospital, free non-sectarian institution for the care of tuberculous needy, has been a prime project of the 8 et 40's national child welfare program since 1932. During that time members and groups have dedicated 50 beds for children and in addition have contributed generously to the department.

According to Mrs. Hayes' report, which was prepared for the annual *Marche Nationale* in New York City, August 23, the bulk of the contributions came from Salons and Departmentaux. In addition to the cash contribution, other presents included toys, games, puzzles and books. These were given to child patients on birthdays and at parties celebrating patriotic holidays. Many of the children under treatment at the National Jewish Hospital were admitted through the offices of the 8 et 40.

### For Women Legionnaires

Several events are planned for the special entertainment of women Legionnaires in attendance at the Legion National Convention in New York, August 24-28. Among these events will be a number of group meetings.

The National Organization of World War Nurses will have their reunion at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Tuesday morning, August 26. The contact for reservations and information is Anne E. McCarthy, 295 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn 17, New York.

The National Yeoman (F) organization will hold their 26th convention concurrently with the Legion conclave. A highlight of the affair will be the annual dinner on Wednesday, August 27, at the Brass Rail Restaurant, 521 Fifth Avenue. Miss Veronica E. Costello, 124 E. 24th St., New York City 10, is Chairman and in charge of reservations, (\$5, which includes gratuity.)

A special breakfast program has been arranged at B. Altman & Co., 5th Avenue and 34th Street, on Monday, August 25, for all women Legionnaires. The Breakfast Chairman is Miss Helen Jamison, 246 E. 46th Street, New York City 17. Pick up tickets at Women Legionnaire Hospitality Room at the Hotel Statler.

### Fisherman's Luck

National Commander Donald R. Wilson took time out on his two-day visit to Puerto Rico to go fishing with Captain Johnny Harms. He landed a 101-pound blue marlin after an hour's fight—a new trophy for his home.



## MARITIME PAGEANT TO BE STAGED FOR LEGION MEET

Legionnaires and their families attending the 1952 National Convention in New York will have the opportunity of seeing a fabulous "Maritime Pageant" on the Hudson River at 4 P.M., Wednesday, August 27. This pageant and racing program, the first to be run since the outbreak of WW2, will include Port of New York tugboat races as well as the traditional international lifeboat races.

Both the lifeboat and tugboat competitions will be run on the Hudson River in easy view of the New York shore. The finish line for the 3-mile tugboat course, as well as for the shorter lifeboat race, will be directly opposite the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Riverside Drive. Visitors will be able to view the events from the river banks and from off-shore harbor boats. Admiral Louis B. Olson, Commandant of the 3rd Coast Guard District, has given clearance for the races and will furnish lifeboats for the competing international crews.

All the principal maritime nations of the world will be represented in the lifeboat races, and each boat will be manned by an 8-man crew and a coxswain. Each crew will run under its own national flag in competition for the coveted Powell International Lifeboat Trophy.

Competing tugboats will be for the most part modern Diesel-powered type, but one salty captain of a steam-propelled craft claims a speed still in excess of the more modern types entered.

Originally scheduled to take place in mid-September, the "Maritime Pageant" has been advanced to provide another thrill for the Legion's 34th National Convention. The Robert L. Hague Post of New York City, composed principally of members of the merchant marine industry, will act as official hosts for the Legion's maritime activity program. In addition to the pageant and races, an elaborate entertainment program has been arranged, including "open house" on all available American luxury liners in port, tours of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and New York State Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, and other events.

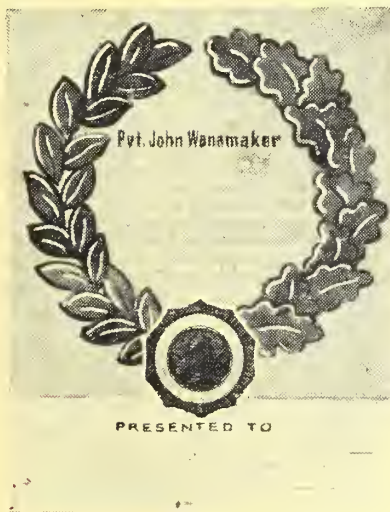
### YOUR GI INSURANCE

You wouldn't own it, if you didn't think it was important. So, it's worth taking care of. That means paying premiums regularly . . . and paying them *on time*, so that your policy will remain in force. There are other points, too. For example, have you named your beneficiaries? Do you want to change from one beneficiary to another? Well, better get it down in black-and-white. It's easy to take care of. And here's a fact you can count on: The VA will arrange things the way you want 'em. Remember, GI insurance is worth taking care of. Make a note to look it over . . . today.

## NEW LAW GIVES INCREASE TO MANY DISABLED VETS

Some 120,000 service-connected disabled veterans will benefit by a cost-of-living increase in compensation by reason of Public Law 427, 82nd Congress, signed by President Truman on June 30. The law benefits only those who have been or will be rated under the so-called statutory award groups to crippled, blinded and tuberculous veterans. This group was not increased in pay by Public Law 356 (signed May 23). The amount of payment is based on degree of disability and the raise is from a range of \$30 to \$360 per month up to \$47 as the minimum to a ceiling of \$400. In addition, the new law extends WWI benefits for tuberculosis veterans to the veterans of WW2 and Korea.

## BOOKPLATE DESIGNED FOR MEMORIAL TO KOREA DEAD



A handsome memorial bookplate, engraved in blue and gold, has been designed to be affixed in all anti-communism books given to libraries by Legion Posts and Legionnaires in honor of servicemen and women who died battling communism in Korea. The Memorial Book Plan, launched by The American Legion is designed as a living memorial to the Korean dead—and to continue their fight by disseminating information about the designs of communist leaders.

The bookplate bears the inscription: "In memory of (name of serviceman) who made the supreme sacrifice fighting communism in Korea that all men may continue the blessings of freedom." Name of the library and the donor is placed below the memorial inscription.

The gift books are to be selected from a list recommended by the National Americanism Commission. The list will be sent, with instructions as to the program, to all Post Commanders and interested individuals.

Books included on the selected list are obtainable, with Memorial Bookplate affixed, at the Emblem Sales Division, at National Headquarters, Indianapolis.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEETS TO PLAN RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Plans for expanding the Back to God movement and elevating the role of the Chaplain in American Legion affairs were discussed by the new National Committee on Religious Emphasis which met for the first time at National Headquarters in Indianapolis on June 24. National Chaplain O. G. Birkeland presided over the group, which included Robert H. Bush, of Des Moines, Iowa; William J. Regan, Buffalo, New York; and L. O. Bickel, Fairmont, West Virginia. Past National Chaplain David Lefkowitz, Vice Chairman of the Committee, was unable to attend.

The Committee made tentative plans for a meeting during the 34th National American Legion Convention in New York City, August 24-28, at which the newly elected Department Commanders and Chaplains would be briefed on the Back to God program and their responsibility to advance it in their States. The Committee also made tentative plans for a second annual conference of Department Chaplains to be held at National Headquarters early in the new American Legion year.

Committee members reviewed the progress of the religious movement since its inception and exchanged information on how Posts in their respective departments had rendered significant public service and engendered renewed goodwill and prestige for the American Legion by expanding the program in their communities.

National Chaplain Birkeland declared: "Through the activities of this newly appointed National Committee on Religious Emphasis and through similar committees which we hope will be appointed in all our Departments and Posts, The American Legion can reach new heights in service 'For God and Country' by encouraging the three objectives of the Back to God Program: Regular church attendance, family prayer, and religious education of children. During recent months The American Legion has made a splendid start. The Back to God movement will be the success it deserves to be only when every American Legion Post from coast to coast is doing its part to strengthen the moral fiber of our beloved country."

## MEMBERSHIP QUOTA SET AT 2,934,372 FOR 1953

A national membership quota of 2,934,372 has been set for the 58 Departments of The American Legion for 1953, according to an announcement made by National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley. The new quota is based on the average membership of each Department for the last four years — 1948 to 1951. The highest 1953 quota set for any Department was given to Pennsylvania — 275,153. New York was second with 239,818 and Illinois ranks third with 219,000.



## ARABIC LEGIONNAIRES TO HAVE PARTY AT CONVENTION

Arabic-speaking Legionnaires in attendance at the Legion's National Convention in New York City, August 24-28, will have special honors accorded them by New York City's Arabic-speaking Post. There will be open house during the entire period of the convention, a dinner, with music and entertainment.

All this has been arranged as a special feature of entertainment by Amity Post No. 791, whose membership is predominantly of Arabic-speaking nativity or descent—Lebanese, Syrian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Egyptian, Arabian and related sections. The Post will hold open house at its headquarters, 160 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, which is easily reached by way of all subway lines to Borough Hall Station. Commander Saleem Al Hatem suggests that the Legionnaire delegates and visitors register with Amity Post upon arrival—or, better still, write to Amity Post at the above address and register before leaving home.

The entertainment planned will be climaxed by a dinner at which native food will be served. Native and American music will be interspersed in the entertainment program.

Until 1945 Amity Post was known as the only Arabic Post of the Legion, but WW2 changed all that. So many Arabic-speaking men and women were in the services that Posts have been organized in many sections of the country, usually named for and dedicated to some hero of Arabic descent from their own community.

Guest Committee of Amity Post is composed of Commander Saleem Al Hatem, 109 West 45th Street, New York City; Joseph W. Ferris, Chairman of the New York Department Law and Americanism Committee; William K. Teen, Past County Vice Commander and Past Commanders George Shiya, Joseph A. Zalom, Dewey Awad, Salim Karam, George M. Ziffri, Dr. Adolph Baccash, Emile Shwiry, Albert Azar, and James Azrak. Past Vice Commander George Dagher is Secretary of the Welcoming Committee.

### Bronze Placques from the Maine

Back in 1912 Congress authorized the Secretaries of War and Navy to cast bronze placques from parts of the wreck of the *U.S.S. Maine*, which was blown up in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898. The memorial tablets were designed by the late Charles Keck, a distinguished sculptor, and are 18 inches wide by 13 inches high and weigh approximately 12 pounds. The Department of the Navy has 894 of these tablets, all available for distribution before January 1, 1953. Persons or Posts interested in obtaining one of these memorials of a gallant ship is required to pay \$5 packaging cost and transportation charges. Orders should be sent to the Secretary of the Navy, Washington 25, D. C., and will be filled in order of receipt.

## WORTH SHUMAKER RESIGNS POST IN AMERICANISM DIV.



R. Worth Shumaker

A native of West Virginia—his home is at Buckhannon, where he is a member of Frank B. Bartlett Post No. 7—Legionnaire Shumaker was engaged in educational work before joining the national Legion staff. His assignments were in part the educational and youth-training activities of the National Americanism Commission, for which he was especially well fitted. He has also been Director of the Boys' Nation at Washington for the past five years.

He will locate at Sebring Shores, Florida.

R. Worth Shumaker, who has served as Assistant National Americanism Director stationed at the National Headquarters since January 1, 1941, tendered his resignation effective on June 30. Ill health led to his decision to separate himself from Legion service after 12 years.

## LEGIONNAIRES TO MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

Immediately after the adjournment of the 34th annual National Convention in New York City on August 28 a considerable number of Legionnaires will take their departure for Europe. The pilgrimage, led by National Commander Donald R. Wilson, is to participate in the official dedication of the Memorial Shrine to the American dead of World Wars I and II at Suresnes, France, and to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the landing of American soldiers in France during World War I.

According to present plans, the dedication will be held on September 13, birthday of General John J. Pershing. The American Battle Monuments Committee, of which General George C. Marshall is Chairman, extended an invitation to the Legion and Auxiliary to participate in the dedicatory ceremonies. The National Executive Committee at its meeting on May 7 at Indianapolis accepted the invitation, gave official sanction to the pilgrimage and authorized the appointment of the American Express Company as the official travel and transportation agency.

The American Express Company has worked out a schedule for five tours of the countries of Europe covering 18 to 48 days and at a varying price range. The pilgrims will also have selection of air or steamship for the Atlantic crossings. The entire plan has been set out in an attractively printed brochure, with details of travel and transportation, by the agency. Copies of this brochure may be obtained by writing the American Express Company, Legion Tour Section, 65 Broadway, New York 6, N. Y.

## ALL-TIME RECORD MADE BY LEGION IN CHILD WELFARE

An all-time record in Legion aid to children will be reported by the National Child Welfare Commission to the National Convention in New York City, August 25 to 28, with \$5,500,000 provided from organizational funds of The American Legion and its three affiliated organizations, The American Legion Auxiliary, Forty And Eight, and Eight And Forty. An additional \$2,800,000 was obtained for the benefit of individual children from outside sources through the efforts of Legion Child Welfare workers. Total aid from both organizational and non-organizational funds for 1952 is \$8,318,056.26.

This is almost one million dollars greater than aid reported in 1951 and sets an all-time record for the Legion's nation-wide Child Welfare Program.

These figures are based upon reports compiled from 52 American Legion Departments, with individual reports from almost 6,000 American Legion Posts; 53 Auxiliary Departments, with nearly 11,000 Auxiliary Units reporting; and from 28 Grande Voitures of the 40 and 8 and 42 Departementaux of the 8 and 40.

Most of the expenditures for children come from treasuries of individual Posts and Units. Dr. A. H. Wittmann, National Child Welfare Chairman, explained, and only about one per cent of the aid is provided by the National Child Welfare Division. "This is a very healthy situation," Dr. Wittmann said, "since The American Legion is a community centered organization. The National Child Welfare Fund only supplements and bridges gaps when local sources of aid fail. We rely on community effort to meet most of the needs of children right in the towns and cities where children live."

### Nine Spanish War Vets

Navy Post No. 16, New York City, has nine Spanish-American War veterans on its current membership rolls—two Admirals, one Lieutenant, and six seamen, so reports Past Commander Lee Herliess. All served through the first World War and one, Chief Gunner William A. Thaw, served through both World Wars, making him a 3-war veteran. This beats the record of Franklin Post No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, as published in the July number which could boast of only five Spanish War vets.

### Kansas Past Commander Dead

Scott Berridge, 62, Holton, Kansas, died as a result of a highway accident at Yocemento, when he suffered a broken back and brain concussion. A 35th Division combat veteran who was wounded in the Argonne fighting in WW1, Past Commander Berridge was long active in Legion affairs. He served as Department Commander of Kansas in 1941-42 and was a member of the National Security Training Commission at the time of his death.



## SPECTACULAR CONTESTS TO FEATURE 1952 CONVENTION

The spectacular Drum and Bugle Corps of the 34th National Convention of The American Legion in New York will be held in Triboro Stadium, Randall's Island, Monday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. All Convention registrants will be admitted free. General admission will be \$1.00.

Following is a schedule of other contests:

Ritual Initiation Teams, Ball Room, Hotel Woodstock, Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m.

Junior Sponsored Band Contest, The Mall, Central Park, Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m.

Junior Sponsored Drum and Bugle Corps., Triboro Stadium, Sunday, August 24, 1 p.m.

American Legion Band Contest, The Mall, Central Park, Sunday, August 24, 1 p.m.

Drum and Bugle Corps Preliminary Contest, Triboro Stadium, Monday, August 25, 9 a.m.

Firing Squad Contest, Lewisohn Stadium, Monday, August 25, 10 a.m.

Junior Sponsored Color Guard Contest, Lewisohn Stadium, Monday, August 25, 1 p.m.

American Legion Color Guard Contest, Lewisohn Stadium, Monday, August 25, 2 p.m.

Contesting bands and corps, the cream of the crop of American Legion musical units competing at Department Conventions over the nation, will march and play in the Big Parade of The American Legion up Fifth Avenue, Tuesday, August 26, starting at 10 a.m. and expected to last more than 15 hours.

The "multi-million dollar Tournament of Music" appellation, explained Samuel E. Dribben, Chairman of the Contest Committee, stems from the fact that the appearance of these gaily-caparisoned units is the culmination of many months of practice by thousands of individuals, plus the investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in uniforms, band instruments, transportation and housing of units.

### Philadelphia Hospital Committee

During the year ending May 31, 1952, the Philadelphia County (Pennsylvania) Legion and Auxiliary Hospital Committee distributed 2,271,357 items to patients in the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia. This included 929,400 cigarettes, 32,000 packages of matches, 11,980 books, 16,340 Christmas and greeting cards, 7,330 candy bars, and on down in numbers to 152 fountain pens, 110 \$1 bills and 1 television set. The Committee has been operating with Sunday afternoon visits since 1939, and is at present co-chairmanned by Ella H. Tomlinson, Frances Mitchell and Joseph H. Booth. In addition to the visits and gifts to patients, the Posts of Philadelphia County gave the Naval Hospital chapel 12 stained glass windows, which were dedicated on April 21, 1952.

## TO BATTLE MISINFORMATION ON VA MEDICINE FOR VETS

Officials of The American Legion, The American Medical Association and the Veterans Administration met informally in Washington, D. C. on June 17 to discuss establishment of a permanent joint parley on vet medicine.

Chief object of the proposed conference would be to bring to a halt the spreading of misinformation about the Veterans Medical Program. In the past, misuse of facts about VA medicine has led to public confusion and to needless differences among groups interested in care of veterans.

Typical of past confusion has been the oft-printed assumption that all veterans who are hospitalized as "non-service-connected" have disabilities "not connected with military service." Actually, "non-service-connected" is a purely technical VA designation, which is often temporary pending a final determination of the status of a hospitalized veteran.

Also cited at the meeting was the passage of a resolution by a State Medical Society protesting "the hospitalization of veterans families by the VA." In fact, VA does not hospitalize the families of veterans.

Representatives of the Legion, the AMA and the VA all expressed the belief that eliminating public misinformation through a joint effort would clear the way for better approaches to real problems of veterans medicine.

Formation of the joint conference will await confirmation by the organizations represented.

## LUCKY LEGIONNAIRES TO GET CARS AT CONVENTION

Award of four 1952 Convertible Ford cars will be made at the 34th National Convention of The American Legion at New York on August 25 during the National Drum and Bugle Corps Contest Finals in Triboro Stadium. Registrants do not have to attend the Convention to win.

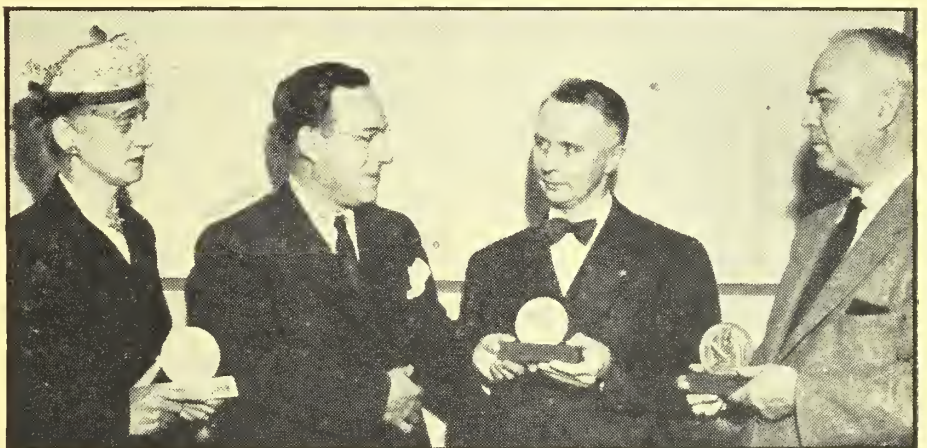
The automobiles have been donated by the three Seagram posts of The American Legion as in past years and all that is necessary is: (1) To enter, send in an official coupon or mail a post card or letter using the coupon as a guide (coupons appear in *The American Legion Magazine*), (2) your coupon, letter or post card must be signed and include the number of your post or unit and the number of your membership card. Entries should be mailed to: The Seagram Posts, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1890, New York 46, N. Y., and must be received not later than midnight, August 23.

Color posters announcing the donation of four Fords to members of The American Legion or the Auxiliary have been mailed to all Posts and Units.

### Operation Soy Beans

Hebron (Ohio) Post No. 285 wants a clubhouse—and it is being created by the efforts of the members. To raise funds for the structure, the Hebron Legionnaires have planted 40 acres of soy beans just outside the town. Post members turned out to plow, disc, harrow and plant the land—another crew will be on hand for the harvest.

## LEGION MAGAZINE WRITERS GIVEN FREEDOM MEDALS



Three contributors to *The American Legion Magazine* who wrote outstanding articles during 1951 were honored by Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, by awards of Honor Medals. The writers picked for this distinction were Zora Neale Hurston, whose article "Why the Negro Won't Buy Communism," in June, 1951, attracted wide national attention; Editor Joseph C. Keeley, whose article "Let's Have More Schools Like This" told of the fine work in Americanism being done at Public School 51, Buffalo, New York, published last August; and William LaVarre for an article on the Constitution. Another of Mr. LaVarre's articles on the Constitution will appear in this magazine next month. Presentation of the medals was made by Kenneth D. Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation, in a ceremony in the magazine offices in New York City. In the picture above, left to right, Jean Parker Waterbury, who received the medal for Miss Hurston who was unable to be present; President Kenneth D. Wells, Editor Joseph C. Keeley, and William LaVarre.



Serving as elder statesman, the Past Commanders Association of Frank P. Hammon Post No. 24, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, has proved the value of such an organization in the affairs of the Post. Since the unit was formed in 1919, 34 Commanders have served; 5 are dead; but of the 29 living Past Commanders, 24 are in regular attendance at the meetings. . . . Actively supporting the Back-to-God movement, S. James Keister Post No. 359, Irwin, Pennsylvania, a small model of a church was built and displayed on the lawn at the Legion home during the month of May. The replica was also displayed in churches in the city, at special services, during the month. . . . Los Gatos (California) Post No. 158 achieved an all-time high in membership, with 216 enrolled, on June 13th, so reports Adjutant Lewis Hayd Leve.

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William A. Miller, charter member and first Commander of Police and Fire Post No. 158, Jacksonville, Florida, was presented with a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service to Veterans. Presentation was made by William M. Schermer, Junior Vice Commander, Jewish War Veterans, Florida Department. . . . A most unusual situation resulted in the election of a Governor of the Bluegrass Boys' State at Danville, Kentucky. L. C. Thomas, 16, Glasgow, was apparently elected by one vote over 17-year-old Charles McCullough, Morganfield, but on recount a one-vote error was discovered which made the race a tie. Department Commander James H. Warren tossed a coin to decide the election. McCullough won.

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Three Boy Scout units sponsored by Lindley DeGarmo Post No. 70, Coconut Grove, Florida — Troop 21, Explorer Post 21 and Seascout Ship 5—were feted by the parent Post at an annual charter presentation ceremony. In its organization, five Legionnaires and five parents serve on each unit committee. Thirty-one members of the Post serve this Americanism program and all meetings and indoor activities are held in the Post home. . . . President Truman has signed a bill authorizing the presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Roscoe Turner, Indianapolis, currently serving as Chairman of the Legion's National Aeronautics Committee. WW1 vet, Legionnaire Turner broke the transcontinental air speed record 7 times, won the Thompson Trophy race 3 times, placed second in the MacRobertson International Air Race, and won the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race.

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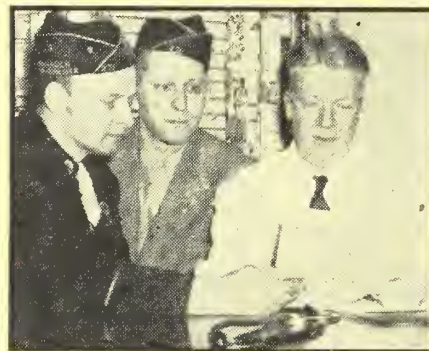
Legionnaire John Fisher, Milton (Delaware) Post No. 20, started out in 1920 to place a flag on the graves of veterans in his area, and has been doing it ever since. Accurately located and mapped,

his present list covers 21 cemeteries and 216 graves of veterans of all wars from the Revolution down to the Korean conflict. . . . Billy Caldwell Post No. 806, Chicago, Illinois, sponsors a top-notch American Legion Pipe Band. Wearing the Royal Stuart tartan and authentic uniforms imported from Scotland, this colorful outfit represents the Post at all official functions and public displays. . . . Eugene N. Norwood Post No. 169, Southeast Harbor, Maine, bought a surplus building at the former Seawall Naval Base, cut it in two, hauled the sections five miles to a previously laid foundation, re-joined them—now they have an attractive new clubhouse.

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Quincy (Illinois) Post No. 347 gave 325 American flags to 19 public and parochial schools in its home city — a large flag for each school's flagstaff and smaller flags for each classroom. Presentations were made by Commander Hugh Kirchner, Chairman Charles Scholz and members of the Post's Americanism Committee. . . . Toledo (Ohio) Post No. 335 is building a new clubhouse—literally so; the work is being done by members. DeVilbiss Company employees, members of the Post, supplied everything from air compressors to manpower to do a paint job on the structure, with paint furnished by the Toledo Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association. . . . Commodore Perry Post No. 525, Los Angeles, California, presented a solid bronze vase, inlaid and hand-carved to National Commander

## PREVIOUS RECORD BROKEN IN BLOOD PROGRAM DRIVE



The mass Blood Donor Program sponsored by Darius-Girenas Post No. 271, Chicago, Illinois, conducted in late March, broke all existing records for the number of blood donors brought to the blood bank at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital by any Legion unit. More than 220 pints of blood were taken for the bank. The Post has been cited for this accomplishment. In the picture above, sparkplugs of the drive, left to right are Post Commander John L. Paukstis; Joseph G. Kamin, Blood Donor Committee, and Dr. W. F. Dobyms, Chief of Professional Services at Hines VA Hospital.

Donald R. Wilson for his legislative defense of the Nisei veterans and their parents. Presentation was made by Commander Minoru (Casey) Kasuyama.

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Back in 1946 the returned veterans at Brilliant, Alabama—a small coal mining town—organized Brilliant Post No. 163. The first big job undertaken was to build a Post clubhouse—and now, after six years, the Post has a home of its own built for the most part by the members. A war chest of \$1,300 was raised, 6,000 building blocks were purchased, and a lot was given for the building. The lot was found unsuited, and was later sold. Another lot was donated but the ground was covered with trees—members cleared the land, made the excavation for a basement, laid the foundations, but ran into trouble when the work on the walls began and for the first time had to hire labor. Now according to Burrell Brasseal, Post Historian, after trials and troubles, the home is completed and is the pride of the members.

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For long years of faithful and distinguished service, Edgewood (Maryland) Service Post No. 17 has awarded a life membership to Legionnaire John D. Carmen, who has commanded the Post three terms; served 14 years as Service Officer; Department Commander of Maryland in 1948-49, and is currently serving as a member of the Executive Section of the National Rehabilitation Commission. . . . Donnerson-Hawkins Post No. 24, New Bern, North Carolina, has organized a Knee Pants Baseball League for younger boys, starting with two teams completely uniformed. Ted Williams, famous Boston Red Sox outfielder, now in the Marines, came out to give the boys a hand and some coaching in the first game of the season. The Knee Pants League is under the direction of Athletic Director Allen L. Arnold.

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Winners of 1952 American Legion national awards at the three service academies were: U. S. Military Academy, West Point, Cadet Leslie Van Trees, Jr., Kansas City, Missouri, who chose a life membership in the National Geographic Society; U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Midshipman Fred Albron Hull, Concord, North Carolina, a \$100 watch, and U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Cadet Olin Arnold Lively, Abilene, Texas, also a \$100 watch. . . . Governor Frederick G. Payne has sent letters to more than 6,500 discharged Maine servicemen and women, veterans of Korea, urging them to check with the nearest office of the Maine Division of Veterans Affairs, which is headed by Past Department Commander Frederick P. O'Connell.

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Vincent G. Hart, Buffalo, New York, Past Erie County Commander, has been awarded a bronze plaque for outstanding Americanism work by the New York Department, Catholic War Veterans. Presentation was made at an official CWV meeting at Niagara Falls.



## OUTFIT REUNIONS

1st (Old Irouside) Armored Division—5th annual reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 29-31; Hotel William Penn. Information from Leo B. Conner, Secy-Treas., 115 17th St. N. W., Washington, D. C., or John V. Talotta, Chairman, 5154 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa.

5th (Red Diamond) Infantry Division, (both WWs)—Open house at Hotel New Yorker during National Legion Convention, Aug. 24-28; host, New York Camp. Info from John B. Morier, Secy., 5 West 63rd St., New York 23, N. Y.

5th (Victory) Armored Div.—6th annual convention, New York City, Aug. 29-31; Hotel New Yorker. Info from James Fitzgibbons, Chairman, 141 Halliday St., Jersey City 4, N. J.

6th (Super) Armored Div.—5th annual reunion, Washington, D. C., Aug. 29-30; Jayflower Hotel. Info from William E. Rutledge, Jr., Secy-Treas., P. O. Box 4, Yackinville, N. C.

7th (Lucky 7th) Armored Division—Reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 22-24; Hotel Benjamin Franklin. Details from Dick Dellheim, Chairman Registration Committee, 48 Rock Glen Rd., Philadelphia 31, Pa.

16th Armored Div. Assn.—1st Reunion, New York City, Aug. 29-31, immediately after Legion National Convention. All hands invited. Write John McCreary, Secy-Treas., 513 43rd St., Union City, N. J.

27th (New York) Division Assn., (both WWs)—32nd annual reunion, Troy, N. Y., Sept. 26-27. For details write Col. John J. Purcell, Chairman, City Hall, Troy, N. Y.

42nd (Rainbow) Division—Father Duffy Chapter will hold open house for all Rainbow vets at their rooms in 69th Armory at 26th St., New York, evening, Aug. 26, during Legion National Convention. Info from George E. Seaman, 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

45th (Thunderbird) Infantry Div. Assn.—Reunion, New York City, Oct. 10-12; Hotel New Yorker. Further info from Robert J. McGee, 31 Madison Ave., New York City.

77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Div.—Annual outdoor roundup at Schmidt Farm, Scarsdale, N. Y., Sept. 27. Reservation, \$6. Write or contact 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th St., New York City.

82nd (All American) Div. Assn.—Open house at headquarters, 28 East 39th St., New York, during Legion National Convention, Aug. 24-28. Contact Manuel Safferman, Secy., 28 East 39th St., New York City.

87th (Acorn) Infantry Div. Assn.—Reunion, New York City, Sept. 12-13; Hotel New Yorker. Write or contact 87th Div. Headquarters, 29 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

91st Division Assn.—34th annual reunion, San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 26-28; Veteran's Memorial Bldg. Details from Headquarters, Room 128, Veteran's Memorial Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.

94th Infantry Div.—3rd annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8-10; Hotel Sherman. Info from William J. Callahan, Secy., 5466 South Kenwood Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Div.—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Hotel Sheraton. Details from Eugene Camden, Hotel Sheraton, 3701 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

43rd (Winged Victory) Infantry Div., (WW2)—Annual reunion, Fairlee, Vermont, Sept. 13-14; Lake Morey Inn. Information from Alexander J. Smith, Adjutant General's office, Montpelier, Vt.

90th (Tough 'Ombres) Division Assn., Midwest—Reunion, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 27; Nicolet Hotel. Write Harold C. Heggerness, Pres., Box 962, Minneapolis, Minn.

100th (Century) Infantry Div.—5th annual reunion, New York City, Sept. 5-7; Commodore Hotel. Write Albert L. Bisaccia, Secy., Box 86, Hartford 1, Conn.

113th and 131st Engineers Band, and 131st AGF Band, (WW2)—2nd annual reunion, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 16. Details from Donald E. Johns, P.O. Box 154, Hillsboro, Ind.

WAC-VETS—6th annual convention, national organization, Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 15-17; Savery Hotel. Info from Mrs. Jamie L. McMurry, 2002 34th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

USS Baham, (AG 71)—Reunion, all hands, Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 31; Daniel Boone Hotel. Contact Olin Schmidt, 2822 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis 23, Mo.

Co. C, 1st Corps Motor Transport Bn., and Motor Transport, 4th Base Depot, USMC—Reunion Peoria, Ill., Aug. 22-24; Pere Marquette Hotel. Write Walter Lueder, Jr., RR 3, Box 22, Chicago Heights, Ill.

478th Engineer Maintenance Co.—6th annual reunion, Monroe, Wis., Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Info from Charles Ostrander, Rte 4, Box 75-A, Monroe, Wis.

103rd Medical Bn., and Regiment Assn., (both WWs)—Reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 18. Contact William C. Hope, Secy., 324 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

536th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co. (Tank)—6th reunion, New York City, Sept. 13-14; Hotel McAlpin. Info from Bayard W. Peabody, 6 Forest St., Baldwinville, Mass.

Co. A, 691st Tank Destroyer Bn.—Reunion, Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 30. Contact Frank T.

Huizinga, 1541 Colorado Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich., for reservations and info.

Co. E, 168th Infantry, (WW1)—Reunion Last Man's Club, Shenandoah, Iowa, Aug. 30-31. Write Everett Briggs, Shenandoah, Iowa.

308th Motor Supply Train Vets. Assn.—27th annual reunion, Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Leland Hotel. Write A. G. Vetter, 2514 Chase St., Toledo 11, Ohio.

61st Engineers, AEF—Reunion, Decatur, Ill., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Orlando Hotel. Write H. T. Koeppe, Pres., 1086 W. Packard St., Decatur, Ill., or E. M. Soboda, Secy-Treas. 932 Roscoe St., Green Bay, Wis.

52nd and 622nd Ordnance Co. (AM)—Combined reunion, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Southmoor Hotel. Write Ed L. Burcanik, Route 1, Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove, Ill.

56th Naval Construction Bn., (Seabees)—Reunion, Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; King Cotton Hotel. Write W. M. Rainey, Secy-Treas., Pulaski, Tenn. Make reservations direct with hotel.

U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Wash.—5th annual reunion, Racine, Wis., Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Write A. J. Hudac, 2611 Taylor Ave., Racine, Wis.

989th F. A. Bn.—Reunion at the Isaac Walton League Lodge, near Kokomo, Ind., Aug. 31. Info from Wilbur Meyer, Publicity, RR 9, Box 200, Indianapolis 44, Ind.

194th F. A. Bn.—Annual reunion, Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 31. Write A. J. Blanche, 1015 Floral Lane, Davenport, Iowa, or Joseph Maffioli, 1510 W. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

8th Seabee Bn.—10th anniversary reunion, New York City, Sept. 12-14; Henry Hudson Hotel. Contact Edw. W. Sanford, 90 Woodland Ave., Bridgeport 5, Conn.

773rd Tank Destroyer Bn. Assn.—Reunion, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 19-20; Hotel Severin. Write Frank J. Spiess, No. 14 Jackson Barracks, New Orleans 17, La.

163rd Infantry Assn.—6th annual reunion, Havre, Montana, Sept. 20-21. Inquiries to Glenn O. Stockdale, Secy., 1050 Hallowell Land, Billings, Mont.

316th F. S. Bn.—Annual Argonne Day dinner, San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 27; Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green St. Write Robert R. Howry, Secy., 351 Turk St., San Francisco, Cal.

113th Engineers Assn. (WW1)—Annual reunion, Forest Park, Noblesville, Ind., Sept. 27-28. Address Charles M. Beal, Secy., 321 S. Main St., Tipton, Ind.

98th Bombardment Group (H)—Reunion, New York City, Sept. 27-28; Hotel Statler. Write Robert Hopper, Chairman, 45-31 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, N. Y.

North Sea Mine Force Assn.—11th annual reunion, New York City, Oct. 17-18; Hotel New Yorker. Info from William C. Meister, Secy., P. O. Box 66, Sunnyside Sta., Long Island City 4, N. Y.

518th MP Bn.—Reunion and dinner-dance, New

York City, Oct. 18; Henry Hudson Hotel. Details from John Sartori, 67-08 Springfield Blvd., Bay-side, N. Y., or Mike Weiner, 24 E. Main St., Patchogue, N. Y.

304th Infantry Assn., 76th Div.—35th reunion, American Legion Home, Waterbury, Conn., Oct. 18—all members invited. Details from William J. Dillon, 60 Revere St., Waterbury, Conn.

USS Concord, CL 10—Reunion, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 15-17. All shipmates write Philip A. Smith, 1366 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio.

243rd Engr. Combat Bn.—Reunion, Cleveland, O., Aug. 15-17; Hollenden Hotel. Write John R. Wolf, 515 State St., Shillington, Pa.

1st Training Regt., Aberdeen Proving Grounds—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 2; Hotel LaSalle. Contact A. L. Bowles, 527 Harrison Ave., Audobon 5, N. J.

Co. B, 784th MP Bn.—Annual reunion, Greenville, S. C., Aug. 2; Ottaway Hotel. Info from C. D. Burgess, P. O. Box 743, Anderson, S. C.

Anti-Tank Co., 5th Division—Reunion and basket dinner, Park at Lake Decatur, Decatur, Ill., Aug. 10. Contact Millard Kingery, Toledo, Ill.

304th Infantry Regt.—Reunion, New York City, Aug. 16; Hotel Statler. Contact Edward Cain, 45-12, 159th St., Flushing 58, N. Y.

Co. H, 349th Inf., 88th Div.—Reunion, Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 17; Black Hawk Hotel. Details from William I. McConnell, P. O. Box 142, Seymour, Iowa.

WACs, Southwest Pacific—7th annual reunion, Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 16; Hotel Savery, during the WAC Vet Convention. Reservation, dinner, \$4. Write Elizabeth A. Reilly, Chairman, 1508 N. Veitch St., Arlington 1, Va.

273rd FA Bn., (WW2)—5th annual reunion, Topeka, Kans., Aug. 16-17. Write Leo Montgomery, 2638 Penn, Topeka, Kans.

309th Engineers Assn.—25th annual reunion, Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 21-23; Kavanaugh Hotel. Write Russell C. Henderly, Vice Pres., 1925 Wayland Ave., Norwood, O.

American Balloon Corps Vet. Assn.—21st annual national reunion, New York City, Aug. 23-27; Hotel Shelton. Write J. Wilbur Haynes, Natl. Personnel Officer, 4007 Farnam St., Omaha 3, Neb.

Co. 17, GLNTS—Annual picnic, City Park, Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 24. Write William C. Minard, 2221 E. Ridgeway, Waterloo, Iowa.

14th Engineers Vet. Assn.—Reunion during Legion National Convention, New York City, Aug. 24-28, Room 5928, Grand Central Terminal. Contact David E. Brooks, Adjutant, 37 Parke Ave., Quantum 71, Mass.

Women Legionnaires—Special breakfast program for those attending Legion National Convention, at B. Altman & Co., 5th Ave. and 34th St., New York City, on Monday, Aug. 25, 9 A.M. Special souvenir; use Madison Ave. doors. Details and reservations from Miss Helen Jamison, Chairman, 246 Eat 46th St., New York 17, N. Y.

WORLD WAR Nurses, National Organization—Annual reunion breakfast, New York City, Aug. 26; Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. (During Legion National Convention.) Contact Anne E. McCarthy, 295 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn 17, N. Y.

North Sea Mine Force Assn.—Open house at Hotel New Yorker, Aug. 26-27, 7 P.M., for shipmates during Legion National Convention. Contact William C. Meister, Secy., P. O. Box 66, Sunnyside Sta., Long Island City 4, N. Y.

11th Engineers, (WW1)—35th annual reunion dinner dance, Aug. 27. Contact Ed Zuber, Secy., Hotel Times Square, New York 18, N. Y.

45th Naval Construction Bn.—6th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29-30; Hotel LaSalle. Info from Roy Nesbitt, P. O. Box 3, Oak Park, Ill.

71st Naval Construction Bn.—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 29-31; New Jefferson Hotel. Info from J. C. McGowan, 772 Barnett St., Ames, Iowa.

3rd Bn., 110th Inf., (WW2)—reunion, Altoona, Pa., Aug. 30-31. Contact L. Chattaway, 822 Sheridan St., Monongahela, Pa., or Tom Bradley, 4425 6th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

60th Naval Construction Bn.—Reunion, La Salle, Ill., Aug. 30-31; Kaskaskia Hotel. Info from Mrs. William Meltzer, Sec., RD 2, Lincoln Park, Alliance, Ohio.

435th AAA—Reunion, Washington, D. C., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Hotel Hamilton. Info from Lee E. Marks, 177 S. Cooper, Memphis 4, Tenn.

54th Signal Bn.—Annual reunion, Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Casa Del Ray Hotel. Write David H. Farrari, 1339 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal.

17th Base Postoffice—5th annual reunion, New York City, Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Park-Sheraton Hotel. Contact John F. Plummer, Pres., 17th Base P.O. Assn., P.O. Box 930, G.P.O., New York 1, N. Y.

Cos. F and G, 110th Infantry, (WW1)—Reunion at home of George Shreve, Seneca, Kans., Aug. 15-17. Contact Elvin Allen, Brownstown, Ill., or Elmer Wilson, Elmwood, Ill.

Co. I, 513th Parachute Infantry—Reunion, New York City, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Contact Dean C. Swem, Chairman, 402 Main St., Buchanan, Mich.

Co. L, 302nd Infantry, 94th Div.—4th annual reunion, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 29-31; Fort Hayes Hotel. Details from Charles C. Misner, 2037 Ferris Rd., Columbus 11, Ohio.

Service Btry., 938th FA Bn., and 1st Service, (Continued on page 36)

### THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MAY 31, 1952

#### ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit . . .	\$ 758,524.03
Receivables . . . . .	240,673.36
Inventories . . . . .	530,573.76
Invested Funds . . . . .	459,482.11
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund . . . . .	\$ 252,772.59
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund . . . . .	1,240,752.98
Real Estate . . . . .	968,972.65
Furniture and Fixtures, less depreciation . . . . .	300,991.81
Deferred Charges . . . . .	90,001.25
	<u>\$4,842,744.54</u>

#### LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities . . . . .	\$ 257,302.82
Funds restricted as to use . . . . .	114,551.68
Deferred Income . . . . .	1,161,269.79
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust . . . . .	\$ 252,772.59
Employees' Retirement Trust . . . . .	1,244,566.32
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund . . . . .	23,464.13
Restricted Fund . . . . .	17,939.98
Reserve for construction Wash. Office . . . . .	64,253.84
Real Estate . . . . .	968,972.65
	<u>1,074,630.60</u>
Unrestricted Capital:	
Excess of Income over Expense 5 months . . . . .	737,650.74
	<u>\$4,842,744.54</u>



## MISSING IN KOREA

**311th Flying Squadron, 1st Marine Air Wing**—Will anyone who has information about my only son, *1st Lt. Marshall Edwin Simonson, USMC*, please write. Reported killed Jan. 2, 1950; no further information received. Mrs. Elsie A. Simonson, 169 Park Ave., Williston Park, L. I., N. Y.

**Hq. Co., 10th Corps**—Will comrades who have any information about *M/Sgt. Edward J. (Buck) Bucholtz*, reported missing in action Nov. 29, 1950 near Hagaru, in the Chosen Reservoir area, please write his wife, Mrs. Ethel Bucholtz, 424 E. 61st Ave., Vancouver, Wash.

**Co. F, 38th Inf., 2nd Inf. Div.**—Will thank anyone who knows anything about my son, *Cpl. George Torres*, reported missing Dec. 2, 1950, near Kunu-ri, to write me. Mrs. Adella Torres, P. O. Box 304, Deming, New Mexico.

**Co. A, 5th Cavalry Regt., Pfc. Roy (Sonny) Canby** was reported missing July 25, 1950. Any information about him will be appreciated by his father, Gold Canby, Route 1, Boswell, Pa.

**Co. A, 19th Infantry, 24th Div.**—Will anyone who knows what happened or present whereabouts of *Sgt. Newman C. Pruitt*, missing since Feb. 4, 1951, near Wal-li. Name not on POW list. Mrs. Newman C. Pruitt, Elmore City, Okla.

**Co. L, 19th Infantry, 24th Div., Pfc. Matthew L. Dickinson**, presumably captured Feb. 4, 1951, near Sesim-ni, name does not appear on POW list. Wife had last word from him Oct., 1951, saying he was in POW Camp 3—no further word. Will appreciate any information. Please write. Mrs. Matthew Dickinson, Box 211, Palestine, Ill.

**Air Force, serving with ground troops, 2nd Div.—Family of Sgt. John W. (Jack) Gahan** would like to hear from anyone who served with him or knows the circumstances of his disappearance—reported missing Nov. 30, 1950 near Chonju. Any word appreciated. Mrs. Genoa Hammock, 1183 E. Broadway, Apt. 2, Louisville, Ky.

**21st Medical Detachment, 24th Div.**—Will anyone who has information about *Cpl. William F. Fehring*, reported killed in the Kuchon area in March, 1951, please write his mother, Mrs. Mildred Dodge, P.O. Box 137, New York 23, N. Y.

**Battery A, 15th FA Bn., 2nd Div.—SPC Clyde Thornburg**, missing since Feb. 13, 1951, in Hoengsong area; name not on POW list. Will anyone who knows anything about him please write his wife, Mrs. Clyde Thornburg, P. O. Box 46, Auburn, Wash.

**Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Div.**—Will anyone who served with or has information about *Pvt. Ervin A. Miller*, missing since Nov. 28, 1950, please write his wife, Mrs. Betty J. Miller, Ogallala, Neb.

**Hdqrs. Co., 3rd Bn., 31st Infantry**—Our son, *Cpl. Peter L. Geannopolus*, was reported missing Nov. 28, 1950; any word from service comrades or others who know about him will be highly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. William Geannopolus, 2941 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

**Co. K, 23rd Infantry**—Will anyone who knew my son, *1st Lt. James W. McBride*, missing Jan. 28, 1951, near Anhyen Dong while on motorized patrol, or has information about him, please write. Mrs. Irene M. McBride, 8252 So. Avalon Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

**Battery B, 38th FA Bn., 2nd Div.**—Information is requested about my son, *Sgt. Arthur S. Kinder, Jr.*, reported missing Nov. 30, 1950, near Somen-gong. Mentioned in propaganda broadcast, but name not on POW list. Mrs. Arthur S. Kinder, Sr., 231 Lakeside Ave., Marlboro, Mass.

**Co. I, 21st Infantry, 24th Div.—Pfc. Harry J. Radanovich**, missing since July 12, 1950. Will anyone who knows anything about him please write his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Radanovich, N. Springfield Ave., Rt. 3, Box 225, Rockford, Ill.

**Co. C, 19th Infantry, 24th Div.**—Family would like to hear from anyone who has information about *M/Sgt. Francis J. McDonnell*, (member Larchmont Post No. 397), reported missing Jan. 1, 1951, at Seoul, later reported in POW camp, North Korea, but name does not appear on published POW list. Write Mr. M. McDonnell, P. O. Box 157, Larchmont, N. Y.

**Co. H, 35th Infantry, 25th Div.**—Will anyone who knew my son, *Pfc. Lawrence G. Magnus*, missing since Nov. 28, 1950, near Taejon, please write. Any information will be appreciated. George Magnus, R. 2, Saint Peter, Ill.

**Service Co., 187th RCT**—Parents of *Pfc. Donald McGowan, Jr.*, missing since May 25, 1951, will greatly appreciate any information about him or circumstances of his disappearance. Please write. Mr. and Mrs. Don McGowan, Sr., Lawrence, Mich.

**Co. F, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Div.—Pfc. Xavier J. Benziger, Jr., reported killed near Taegu, Aug. 23, 1950; parents will greatly appreciate hearing from his service comrades; tell us of the circumstances, etc. (Legion Post at East Meadow named in his honor.) Mr. and Mrs. Xavier J. Benziger, Sr., 2338 Jefferson St., East Meadow, N. Y.**

**Co. F, 5th Cavalry**—Will appreciate any information about my brother, *Pvt. James C. McCamie*, reported killed Oct. 27, 1951, Mrs. Emma Ferguson, Rte. 1, Box 214, Pineland, Texas.

**Co. C, 19th Infantry, 24th Div.—Sgt. Rice M. Nichols** listed as missing since April 24, 1951, near Chipo-ri; will sincerely appreciate any in-

formation about him. Mrs. Harry Nichols, Route 4, Dyersburg, Tenn.

**Co. E, 24th Infantry, 25th Div.**—Information is sought concerning *2nd Lt. Douglas D. Harrell*, reported missing July 30, 1950, north of Sangju. Please write parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell, 519 S. Jefferson, Lebanon, Mo.

**Battery A, 38th FA**—Would like to contact anyone who may have information concerning my brother, *Pvt. Hugh Watts, Jr.*, reported missing Nov. 29, 1950, later reported a prisoner, but name does not appear on published POW lists. Mrs. Robert W. Cole, 5704 Newcastle Ave., Encino, Cal.

**Co. A, 3rd Engineer Bn., 24th Div.**—Parents of *Pvt. Richard L. Fisher* are anxious to contact anyone who can tell them about their son; first reported missing, later reported killed on July 20, 1950, near Taejon. Please write, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, 106 S. Dwight St., Jackson, Mich.

**Co. C, 19th Infantry, 24th Div.**—Will anyone who knew my son, *Cpl. John E. Warrick*, missing July 16, 1950, in retreat from Kum River, please write. Names does not appear on published POW lists. Mrs. John A. Warrick, 419 N. Broadway, Scottsdale, Pa.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

(Continued from page 35)

**166th FA Regt.**—5th annual reunion at home of Charles H. Rehm, New Providence, Pa., Sept. 13. Details from Charles H. Rehm, New Providence, Pa.

**409th Bombardment Group (L)—2nd reunion**, Columbus, Ohio, Labor Day weekend; Neil House. Contact Bernard B. Bernstein, 6514 North Albany Ave., Chicago 45, Ill.

**17th Signal Operations Bn.**—7th reunion, Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 30-Sept. 1; Hotel Schroeder. Info from E. F. Hofmeister, Secy., 710 Crown Ave., Scranton 5, Pa.

**"Yoo-Hoo Bn. Incident"**—110th QM Regt., 35th Inf. Div., and 35th QM Co.—Reunion, Kearney, Neb., Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Write C. R. (Bob) Young, 11 East 31st St., Kearney, Neb.

**LST 693**—4th annual reunion, Garfield, N. J., Aug. 31, at Casey's Bar and Grill, 209 Market St. Write Alfred J. Courter, 15 Osborne St., Bloomfield, N. J.

**Battery B, 326th FA, (WW1)**—13th annual reunion, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 31; 40 and 8 Chateau, 617½ S. 4th St. Write Chester Brown, Box 112, Chantiana, Ky.

**319th Field Signal Bn.**—Reunion, Sunset Park, between Alliance and Canton, Ohio, Aug. 31. Contact J. W. Robe, Secy., 605 S. River St., Newcomerstown, Ohio.

**37th Air Squadron**—Reunion, Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 13-14. Reservations and info from Earl D. Marr, 3021 Wisconsin St., Oakland, Cal.

**322nd FA Assn., (WW1)**—Reunion, Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 6. Contact A. D. Alexander, Box 182, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, or L. B. Fritsch, P.O. Box 324, Hamilton, O.

**310th Signal Op. Bn. Assn.**—Annual reunion, Bloomsburg, Pa., Sept. 6; Moose Home, West Main St. Info and reservations from Elwood H. Ruppert, 214 Jefferson St., Reading, Pa.

**Co. G, 410th Inf.**—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12-14; Hotel LaSalle. Write A. J. Thoeming, 2512 Burr Oak Ave., Blue Island, Ill.

**USS Mitchell, (DE 43)**—2nd annual reunion, Tiffin, Ohio, Sept. 12-14. Write Mitchell Reunion, 130 Wall St., Tiffin, Ohio.

**31st Pioneer Infantry**—29th annual reunion, Albany, N. Y., Sept. 13-14; Details from Otto Rauch, Chairman, 186 Adams St., Delmar, N. Y.

**Co. L, 137th Inf., 35th Div., (WW1)**—Annual reunion, 1090 Temple, Long Beach, Cal., Sept. 14. Info from Fred J. Haworth, above address, or Ernest C. Minner, 3512 Nile St., Bakersfield, Cal.

**729th Railway Operating Bn.**—3rd reunion, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 19-20; Emerson Hotel. Write Albert H. Colella, 1426 1st Ave., Altoona, Pa.

**Battery B, 177th FA Bn.**—4th annual reunion, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept. 20-21; Reservations from Wm. L. Hile, 2030½ Brookside, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**351st Aero Squadron, (WW1)**—2nd reunion, Storm Lake, Iowa, Sept. 23-25. Complete details from Wilbur D. Hussey, Storm Lake, Iowa.

**Battery F, 129th FA, 35th Div., (WW1)**—Annual reunion, Bar le Duc, France, Sept. 27. (President Truman's old Battery). Full information from Fred N. Lang, 803 Lee Building, Kansas City, Mo.

**313th Infantry, 79th Div.**—Annual reunion at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 27; Montfaucon Post, American Legion, Club House, 924 St. Paul St. Info and reservations from Bartus E. Wigley, Adjutant, Montfaucon Post, 924 St. Paul St., Baltimore 2, Md.

**98th Bombardment Group (H)**—2nd annual reunion, New York City, Sept. 27-28, Hotel Statler. Write Robert Hopper, 45-31 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, N. Y.

**Co. B, 137th Infantry, 35th Div., (WW1)**—Reunion, Holton, Kans., Sept. 28. Write Floyd A. McGehe, Holton, Kans.

**110th Engineers Assn.**—34th annual reunion, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 28; Aladdin Hotel. Reservations and info from George T. Raddant, Secy., 1708 Baltimore, Kansas City 8, Mo.

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

**Co. C, 861st Engr. Aviation Bn.**—Will anyone who served with my brother, Michael Francis Fallon, overseas please write; need help to get him into hospital. Patrick E. Fallon, Gen. Del., Port Lavaca, Texas.

**617th FA Obs. Bn.**—Will John W. Whitehall, formerly Sayville, N. Y., William Khulman, ex-Pittsburgh, Pa., and Alfred Freed, York, Pa., who took T/5 Robert E. White to hospital in Italy in 1945, please write, or anyone who knows their present addresses please contact Roy R. White, Adjutant, Lee Hacker Post No. 90, Manchester, Ky.

**557th AAA Auto Weapons Bn.**—Will Capt. Finks and Cpl. Patrick S. Golden, stationed at Camp Davis and Fort Fisher, N. C., April-June, 1943, please write. Need statements. W. F. Barker, Virginia Lee Co., Saint Charles, Va.

**Co. H, 116th Inf., 29th Div., (WW1)**—Will anyone who remembers me in service please write. Statements, Ernest M. Manush, P.O. Box 456, Tusculum, Ala.

**401st Engineers**—Need to contact 1st Sgt. Valentine or others of the Regt. who can give me names of members. Need help to establish VA claim. Robert E. Meyer, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, Oregon.

**52nd Signal Bn., Inchon, Korea**—Need to locate Capt. Bender and 1st Lt. Lewis, in reference to accident May 6, 1947, and also the 1st Sgt. who carried me into the dispensary at Inchon. Need statements for claim. Richard J. Garrity, 870 26th St., Altoona, Pa.

**Liege, Belgium**—Will anyone who remembers a radio falling on my back at the school building at Liege about Feb. 18, 1945, please write. Also back injury received during caleschenics (1943) at Wells Point, Texas. Need help for claim. Edward C. (Ed) Bray, Rt. 1, Belmont, La.

**Chanute Field, Ill.—7th Tech. School Squadron, and 39th Academic Squadron, Yale University**—Will anyone who was with me at Chanute Field, 1941-42; the Multi-Engine Inspection branch, or at the Yale squadron, Jan. to May, 1943, please write. Need statements to support claim. Roman A. Dudine, 1326 Main St., Jasper, Ind.

**SS George Pope**—Will the Lt. junior grade (Navy) who commanded the Pope between May and November, 1945, please write. Need help to establish claim for wrist condition. Gerald George Greaves, 44 Rosmere Drive, E. Providence, R. I.

**Co. K, 330th Infantry, (WW1)**—Will anyone who remembers *Pvt. Marion E. McKenzie* in service in U.S. and overseas (winter of 1918-19 at Brest, France), and who was attached to 4th Prov. Co., for discharge, please write. Need statements to complete claim. M. Daisy McKenzie, Box 14, Manassa, Colo.

**Service Battery, 608th FA, 71st Div.**—Urgently need to locate Cpl. Henry J. Orłowski, Company Clerk, or anyone who remembers truck accident near Steyr, Austria, May, 1945. Statements to complete claim. Paul C. Brown, 2509 W. Grove St., Blue Island, Ill.

**Co. A, 107th MG Bn., 28th Div., (WW1)**—Will anyone who remembers me being gassed in Thiaucourt sector, about Oct. 22, 1918, please write; German shell hit near our squad. Statements needed to prove claim. Walter Walker, 3522 16th St., Detroit 8, Mich.

**Flight 2686, San Antonio, Texas**—Need to locate men who served with *Pvt. Herbert Curtis Smith*, in 1947, particularly Flight Sgt. Duffy. Vet discharged at Lockland Air Force Base, April, 1947. Statements needed. Charles W. Lindell, Adjutant, Fontana Post No. 262, 659 So. Cypress, Fontana, Cal.

**CASU 22 (Carrier Aircraft Service Unit 22, Quonset Point, R. I.)**—Will anyone who remembers my ankle injury in 1945, please write; I recall being with Chief Aviation Metalsmith King, John Atherton; Tracy or Texas; Pete Peterson of Minnesota and Charles Weir, Boston. Help needed. Frank M. Amora, 4274 Maple St., Omaha, Neb.

**Co. C, 59th Medical Replacement Trng. Bn., Camp Barkley, Texas, and 574th Ambulance Co.**—Need to locate Lt. Stine, CO Co. C, 59th, January through March, 1943, and Capt. James Chapell, CO, 574th Amb. Co. Need statements. Donald G. Ward, Bryant, Illinois.

**Co. C, 290th Infantry, 75th Div.**—Urgently need to locate men who served with *Pfc. William Ogea*, and particularly anyone who remembers him being wounded at an old brick plant near the Rhine River, when a German plane gunned the position; soldier with Ogea was killed and he was wounded; Sdgm. Sgt. Nick (last name unknown) dragged him into the plant for treatment. Any information will be helpful to prove claim. Write C. W. Gabbert, P.O. Box 5515, Lake Charles, La.

**LT 158 ("Sad Sack")**—Need help from shipmates to establish claim, particularly those who remember when I was caught and injured by tow cable; will M/Sgt. Amos Harker, N. Y.; WO (jg) Guyton, Miss.; Cpl. Cormany, Ohio; Pvt. James Cavanaugh, N. Y.; Pvt. Scotty Kane, Chicago; Cpl. George Danhisier, (second cook), N. Y.; Sgt. Arthur Beckman, Detroit, and any other who know of my injury please write. Philip Williams, Box 212, Metlakatla, Alaska.



# Veterans Newsletter

AUGUST, 1952

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED VET AUTOS:

Funds to provide automobiles for seriously disabled veterans and to pay indemnity claims to dependents of deceased servicemen were made available to the VA in a bill signed by the President June 6. . . . The third Supplemental Appropriation Bill provides VA with more than \$285,000,000, which includes \$25,000,000 for automobiles and \$2,300,000 for servicemen indemnity claims. . . . Also included in the bill are \$148,000,000 for subsistence and tuition payments for vets receiving education or training under the GI Bill; \$60,000,000 for compensation and pension payments, and \$50,000,000 for extra-hazardous deaths under the NSLI Act.

Under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 (Public Law 23) servicemen on active duty on and after June 27, 1950, are automatically covered against death in active service in the amount of \$10,000. . . . Any USGLI or NSLI in force at time of death is deducted from this coverage. . . . Funds to pay these claims have been exhausted since the latter part of April, 1952, when 7,553 claims had been approved for monthly payments. . . . Because of lack of funds, VA has held up payments on 6,287 approved applications for automobiles or other conveyances for seriously disabled vets under Public Law 187, 82nd Congress. . . . More than 1,500 other applications were pending on April 30, when payments were suspended, and VA estimates that another 7,800 WW2 and Korean vets are eligible for the \$1,600 grant toward the purchase of a car.

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## RECEIPTS FOR INSURANCE PAYMENTS:

VA has sent out notices to all holders of USGLI and NSLI policies announcing the discontinuance of sending receipts for premium payments on and after July 31. . . . Policyholders who pay by check can readily keep their own records of payment by noting on check number of policy and period for which payment is made. . . . But such records are not so easily kept by those who pay by money order, cashier's check, or who pay in person at a VA office. . . . T. O. Kraabel, Director of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Commission, asked VA officials for clarification of the regulations. . . . Under date of June 10 he was advised by VA that "regardless of the medium used to pay premiums, if an insured requests that premium receipts be issued to him, that service will be supplied." . . . So, policyholders will not be denied receipts for their premium payments if they make a request to VA for continuance. . . . Saving by discontinuance of the receipts in general is estimated at \$1,000,000

per year. . . . VA also advised Director Kraabel that it does not intend to discontinue notice to insureds when they fail to make timely payments or when they pay more or less than the premium required. . . . "There will be no departure from the present procedure to issue counter receipt acknowledgement of cash remittances tendered in person. This also applies to any acceptable medium of payment so tendered," continues the letter.

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## ERRORS IN RULING ON GI BILL TRAINING:

A regulation of considerable importance to WW2 vets in initiating courses under the GI Bill has been issued by VA. . . . It is acknowledged that VA errors might have prevented eligible vets from starting courses prior to cut-off date, July 25, 1951, or four years after discharge, whichever is later. . . . New regulation is aimed to remedy these errors by providing for a review. . . . The correction provisions are in two classes:

1. If by reason of an administrative or adjudicatory error on the part of VA the applicant was prevented from commencing a course it will be deemed that the provisions of the applicable regulations have been met. . . . This will include any case wherein it is shown that: . . . (a) The VA clearly and unmistakably erred in denying the application; or . . . (b) The terms of a certificate of eligibility and entitlement issued on or prior to the delimiting date (July 25, 1951), in error authorized enrollment in a course subsequent to the delimiting date; or . . . (c) After a timely filing of the application, the applicant failed to commence his course because of being erroneously informed by the VA that he could not commence his course after the delimiting date.

2. If the veteran's application was received in the VA no later than the 10th work day immediately preceding the applicable delimiting date, and the VA failed to issue the proper certificate of eligibility and entitlement on or prior to the 3rd work day immediately preceding the cut-off date the regulations requiring initiation prior to delimiting date will be deemed to have been constructively met. . . . A vet who has initiated his course in education or training, whose conduct and progress was satisfactory, and who was prevented by reason of re-entrance into the Armed Forces from resuming training before the cut-off date is permitted to resume training within a reasonable period after release from active duty.

Interruptions . . . Under standard regulations interruption of a course of training for any reason in connection with



the vet's employment is not ordinarily deemed to be a valid reason for not pursuing a course continuously. . . . However, in a new regulation issued June 6, 1952, VA makes provision for some "unusual, emergent, or unexpected situation, which could not reasonably be anticipated as a condition or requirement of his employment. . . ." If under this condition the veteran is required by his employer to be away from the locality of the place of training temporarily in connection with his employment, the interruption will be permitted. . . . The interruption must not exceed 4 months and the training must be resumed within 30 days, or at the first time for enrollment, whichever is later.

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#### **DOCTORS TO BE CALLED FOR ARMED FORCES:**

Department of Defense has requested Selective Service to deliver to Armed Forces Induction Stations 450 priority I physicians during the month of August. . . . Of the number requested, 100 will be assigned to the Army and 350 to the Air Force. . . . Priority I medical registrants are those who participated as students in the Army specialized training program, or similar Navy program, and those who were deferred during WW2 to attend medical school and who have served less than 90 days in the Services.

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#### **LOANS ON HOMES NEAR AIRPORTS:**

VA has told its field offices not to act on loans for veterans' homes within four miles of an airport. . . . Instead, the loan applications are to be sent to the Central Office in Washington where final decision as to making the loan will be determined. . . . Action is said to have resulted from the reported drop in land and home values near airports over the country, following a series of crashes near the major Newark, New Jersey, Airport. . . . The directive to Field Offices primarily involved commercial airports, but it also is intended to apply to civilian and military fields as well.

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#### **RESTORING GI LOAN GUARANTEE CREDIT:**

WW2 vets ask if a GI loan guarantee can be restored to a veteran's credit. . . . The answer is yes, under certain conditions. . . . If the property is destroyed by fire or other natural hazard; if it has been taken over for public use by the Federal or local government, or if it must be disposed of because of other compelling reasons such as change of employment or illness, not the fault of the veteran. . . . But in all cases VA must be free from liability on the original loan.

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#### **NEW COMPENSATION RATES — A CORRECTION:**

Under Public Law 356, 82nd Congress, signed by President Truman on May 23, new compensation rates for service-connected veterans were established, amounting to 5 percent increase for those rated 10 to 49 percent disabled, and 15 percent for those with 50 to 100 percent disability. . . . In reporting the new rates (Newsletter, July, 1952, page 37) a regrettable typographical error made us drop the 30 percent rating, making all following in error. . . . To correct, the rates of payment after July 1 for service-connected compensation, both WWs and Korea, will be: 10 percent, \$15.75; 20 percent, \$31.50; 30 percent, \$47.25; 40 percent, \$63.00; 50 percent, \$86.25; 60 percent, \$103.50; 70 percent,

\$120.75; 80 percent, \$138.00; 90 percent \$155.25, and 100 percent, \$172.50.

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#### **SHIFT IN VA TOP-LEVEL COMMAND:**

Four outstanding Legionnaires figured in a VA top level shuffle, involving the retirement of one and the promotion of three others. . . . Major Omer W. Clark, Deputy Administrator, retired on June 30 after 34 years of continuous service. . . . He was a member of the Paris Caucus in 1919, and a charter member of Leland M. Barnett Post No. 123, Norwood, Ohio. . . . Major Clark was succeeded as Deputy Administrator by Harold V. Stirling, who has headed the VA 40-billion-dollar insurance operation, and who is a member of National Cathedral Post No. 10, District of Columbia. . . . Charles G. Beck (known throughout the Legion as Gordon), Manager of the District Office at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, succeeded Stirling as Assistant Administrator for Insurance. . . . He is a member of St. Louis (Missouri) Post No. 2. . . . John R. Murphy, only WW2 vet in the group, succeeded Beck as Manager at the Fort Snelling District Office. . . . He is a member of Stockam Post No. 189, St. Louis, Missouri.

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#### **REVIEWS EIGHT YEARS OF GI BILL:**

Summing up on the eighth birthday, June 22, of the GI Bill of Rights for WW2 veterans, the VA concludes that war vets are "good risks" under the loan provisions of the law. . . . Since this Legion-written and Legion-sponsored bill was signed on June 22, 1944, 3,000,000 veterans have obtained \$18,000,000,000 in loans for homes, farms and businesses, with VA guaranteeing or insuring half that amount. . . . 90 percent of the loans went to vets who wanted to buy or build homes, and only one-half of 1 percent defaulted. . . . The default rate for farm loans was 2.6 percent, and for businesses 4.8 percent. . . . Loan provisions of the WW2 GI Bill do not expire until July 25, 1957. . . . Education and training for new entrants reached the cutoff point on July 25, 1951. . . . The third major GI Bill benefit—readjustment allowance for unemployment and self-employment—ended for most WW2 vets on July 25, 1949.

During the eight years of the program, 7,800,000 vets trained in schools, on the job and on the farm—they took courses in nearly every field in which man earns his living. . . . About 9,000,000 veterans have drawn readjustment allowances. . . . Although most veterans were eligible for a full year of the allowances, only 1 in 10 exhausted his right to the benefit. . . . The average veteran found a job after being on the rolls for only a month and a half.

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#### **VETERAN PREFERENCE URGED FOR KOREA VETS:**

Veterans Preference Act of 1944 automatically expired with the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty, April 28, for persons now entering the service. . . . Legion is actively supporting H. R. 7721 which would extend the provisions of the Act to vets of the Korean "police action". . . . In hearings before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Ralph H. Lavers, Director of the Legion's National Economic Commission, declared that "men serving in the present conflict should be given the same rights and benefits as those who served in WW2." . . . He told the Committee that H. R. 7721 "will clarify the situation and give to those men and women that to which they are justly entitled."



# Legion Rod and Gun Club



**IF YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING IDEA OR SUGGESTION OUR OUTDOORS EDITOR CAN USE ON THIS PAGE, HE'LL PAY OFF WITH HUNTING AND FISHING ACCESSORIES.**

Let's strike a cheerful note this month: Conversation about fish in the creel always does something to the ego. So let's say you've already got your fish.

Take even the lowly carp. This fish is abundant in many waters and provides sport for thousands of fishermen. But it has been pointed out that too often carp are left on the banks to rot. Many of our States are encouraging their fishermen to take carp home to the frying pan by sending out colorfully illustrated folders which not only instruct on cleaning the fish but describe a step-by-step procedure from water to dinner plate.

Here's one recipe I've tried, straight from the State of Michigan folder:

## *Baked Carp, Paprika*

- 1 carp, filleted
- 1 onion, sliced
- ½ cup evaporated milk or sour cream
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon shortening

Season the fillets with salt and pepper. Put in a greased baking dish and cover with onion slices. Blend the paprika with the milk and pour over the fish. Dot with the fat or shortening and bake in a moderate oven (350 F.) for a half hour. Brother, once you've wrapped a lip around this, old Mister Carp will be your creel companion for life. Many excellent recipes can be yours simply by writing the Michigan Department of Conservation, Lansing, Michigan.

This whole business of smoking, canning, salting fish is as uncomplicated as a three cent stamp. Just drop the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C., a line and back will come useful information. If you've got a favorite recipe how about sending it on? We'd like to print it for our Rod and Gun Club readers.



Want to make those fish scales drop off? F. C. Pollard of Palmyra, Mo., sends on these helpful words: "Pour boiling water over fish. When side fins (behind gills) become rigid, add sufficient cold water to bring below boiling point. Scales can be easily brushed off with knife or even a tablespoon." It works! We gave it a try. All you need is a fish.

The following is taken from the editorial page of the New York World-Telegram, April 17, 1952 edition. Facts are forceful. Let them speak for themselves:



## BOYS WITH RIFLES

The tragedy in the Ramapo Hills, the killing of one boy by another with a 22 caliber rifle, has drawn attention to a dangerous situation. Rockland County authorities say from the way trigger-happy kids have been spraying the woods with bullets it's a wonder a lot of people haven't been killed or wounded.

William E. Stern, chief criminal investigator for the Rockland County district attorney, puts the blame for this on parents. He doesn't blame them, necessarily, for giving in to a youngster's longing for a rifle or shotgun. What he does hit them for, and rightly, is that they don't follow up possession of a gun with instructions on the dangers inherent in firearms and how they should and should not be used.

We don't believe the answer involves further restricting the sale of firearms. Better enforcement of existing laws limiting the age at which a youngster can take a gun into the woods unaccompanied by an adult would help.

The real solution, however, is for parents to make sure their children, on getting a gun, are properly instructed in its use and the responsibilities involved before being allowed to go hunting or target shooting.

Our answer? The American Legion believes that it may have it in its *National Marksmanship Program*. Over 2,300 senior and junior rifle and pistol clubs, weekly instruct in the use of firearms. Thousands of young bloods are learning the ABC's of ammunition and the facts about proper handling of firearms. Not only life-saving, but nice insurance for the future, and very useful if your boy goes into the service.

Write George Sweeney, National Director, 1598 Olympian Circle, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, for information on Legion Marksmanship Clubs.

*A good book for this month:* The Fishing Encyclopedia," published by the Stackpole Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the most complete book ever gotten together on the subject of fishing. If you are a sportsman, I consider it a reading must.

The facts and figures boys in the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington tell us that fishing license sales topped 16 million in 1951, and that more fishing licenses were sold in the U. S. last year than in any other year. Which reminds me of an interesting quote; I don't remember the source but the thought is nice. An old gentleman who made a practice of fishing every hour he could spare was asked what fun it was unless he caught fish. He answered dreamily, "I don't go to fish for fish, I go to fish for the day." And I bet that many of you have caught some beautiful sunsets, some whopping big quiet moments on a tranquil stream or lake.



During these summer months, don't feed your dog too heavily. If you're giving two or three cups of "fill" or commercial dog food mixed with the necessary meat, cut down. Continue with the same amount of meat, but don't let your dog get too much fat on during the hot months of July and August. And give him exercise. Anything that burns me is the so-called sportsman who believes that his dog is a machine to be cranked out of the kennel during the hunting season, then garaged like an automobile until the next season.

There are ways to avoid this: Long walks in the woods; take your dog with you when you go swimming, give him retrieving practice and a reprieve from the heat. There are gun dog trials and field trials probably near you that you can enter your dog in to keep that polish on him and the unhealthy fat off. Go to a few and get the feel before entering your dog. If you don't own a dog, these trials will help in your selection of breed and type. Shooting-dog stakes are open for non-professional dog handlers. You'll have fun and do your canine pal some good.

If you have problems or questions connected with the outdoors: hunting, fishing, dogs, etc., don't hesitate to send them on to The Outdoor Editor, American Legion Magazine, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y. We will do our best to help. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.



# Are We Giving Our GI's Inferior Weapons?

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automatic rifles. In the air we were not provided with adequate fighters, reconnaissance planes, or long-range bombers. We were not prepared for submarine warfare, and our losses at sea during the early period of WW II were catastrophic. We missed defeat by a hair.

Excuses won't hold for Korea. We did not have an adequate tank nor an adequate bazooka to stop a Russian tank. After a year and a half, we are finding that the Russian MIG Fighter is in some ways superior to our best, the Sabre Jet. Although winter always follows autumn, our people—by the record—failed to issue winter clothing to our troops, including those on the torturous retreat from Supung Dam on the Yalu River. Can any of us ever forget the pictures of those half-frozen GI's fighting a rear action against the brigands and murderers of Mongolia and Siberia?

Yes, I know that in time we built up our forces. I know the belief that the great weight of American production and wealth, with profligate spending and incompetence, ultimately comes to the rescue of our people and of the Western World. But why should we always fail at first? And can we afford to fail again? The truth is that through this backwardness in technological development we have been forced to spend the savings of the last two generations, of this one, and of the next two.

Recent reports tell us of the M-1 medium tank and the newer 50-ton T-43. They *sound* great! But from past experience we have the right to raise two questions: Why so late? Can we believe it?

Three lessons in a generation should

teach us something. We've had our three strikes at bat. In the past the excuse has been that we did not appropriate the money. This is true for WW I and partially true for WW II. But between V-J Day (August 14, 1945) and Korea we appropriated \$60 billion for the military. Now \$60 billion is a great sum of money, and we have the right to expect the world's best tank, the world's best bazooka, the world's best fighter airplane, reconnaissance ship and bomber. When we match the industrial resources of the United States against those of Russia and then acknowledge that Russia has a better tank, it is a sad commentary on the design and procurement departments of our military and on the ingenuity of American engineers.

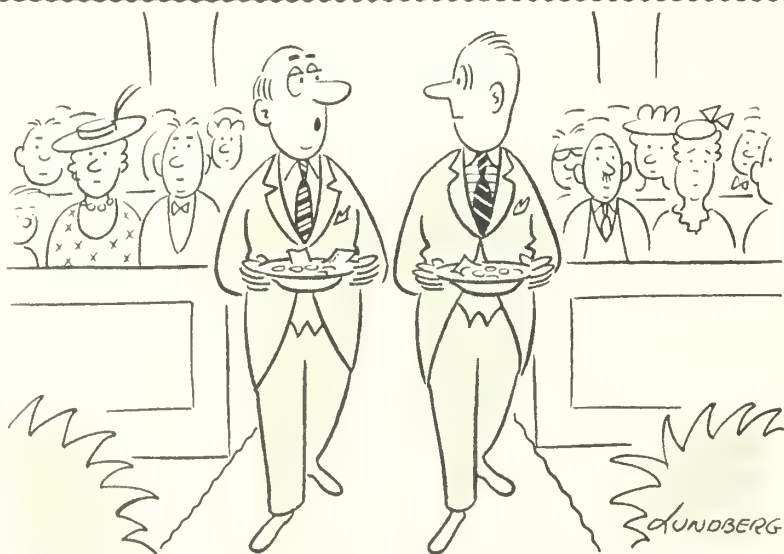
Every man who has worn a uniform can recite many cases of inferior armament, but for the moment let's not confuse the issue with more evidence. Rather, let us demand an answer to this much and, more important, let's take steps to avoid a repetition of unpreparedness. What is in the make-up of America that stands in the way of our producing a better tank than Russia? What permits us to produce the finest durable goods, motor cars, refrigerators, deep-freezers, vacuum cleaners, and all the rest, but left us at the end of WW II with a military tank inferior to the German Mark IV? Why can we build the finest transport planes in the world and yet not put a fighter in the air equal to the Spitfire and the Hurricane—the two great fighters that won the Battle of Britain from the crack German Messerschmidt, another superior plane? Why could we build only a fairly good 90 mm. anti-aircraft gun

while the Germans built a far better 88? With the world the way it is, we had better learn the answers to these questions—and fast.

Observers agree that the overall incompetence of the Germans was greater than ours and hence they lost the war, but in the field of submarines this overall theory did not apply. In the case of pocket battleships the theory seemed to work in reverse. That famous pair, the *Scharnhorst* and the *Gneisenau*, were reported bombed time after time and sunk periodically, only to steam up the English Channel as a final gesture of defiance. Then there was the *Tirpitz*, which steamed out of Bergen, came down between Iceland and Greenland, and turned east again in the mid-Atlantic. This ship had such power of offense and defense that it took a good part of the British Navy and Air Force to sink her at long last. Apparently the theory of government incompetence didn't apply to the *Tirpitz*. Those who fought the Japanese Zero didn't come back with stories that it was made of bamboo and sticking plaster. It was a dangerous enemy to our planes of that day.

While competence in government is hard to attain, we must attain it. We have no choice; we must have competence or face defeat. We cannot again win through profligacy, the weight of numbers, and mass mediocrity. We have the brains and we have the competence, as is proven by the superior products we produce for civil consumption. Having it, therefore, we must use it. But how?

Would it not be worthwhile to select an overall commission—not too large—of our best independent and free brains to make an inventory of our military record in the hope that from such an inventory would come suggestions to avoid future calamities? Is it asking too much that the President of the United States appoint such a commission to offer a program that is within the limits of our pocketbook? After all, whatever we do will in the end be limited by our pocketbook and we might as well face that fact, too. This commission should analyze our defeats and from such studies gain vital information that would contribute to the security of our country and avoid failure in the years ahead. Let there be no reluctance, hesitation, nor feeling of inferiority on the part of the competent engineering executive sitting opposite the military. The record of military judgment in terms of preparedness from WW I through Pearl Harbor to Korea is less than impressive. Intelligent civilians can contribute much.



"Funny how some people can make a dime sound like a half dollar!"

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The first step in any improvement is to acknowledge and identify our failure. Without that, we cannot approach the second step, which is a reorganization of procedure.

We should put our talents to work in the field of military procurement in spite of the fact that the very size of the job is so staggering that it confuses and depresses the casual student in or out of military service. It is unfortunate that regular officers as now trained lack the foresight and competence to conceive and develop an adequate defense. Nevertheless, we must face reality and the vital requirement that, though it be a big job, it must be done well. Administrative concepts must be created which effectively tie together the requirements of the combat zone and the productive genius of the country. This marriage has never taken place.

One such administrative concept is a selected group of civilian administrators outside Civil Service. They would receive far larger salaries than is customary, plus maintenance and adequate living facilities when on duty. To these men would be assigned authoritative responsibility. The posts would be dignified with sufficient prestige to assure adequate influence. These executives could be recruited from our most responsible officials in the field of purchasing and production, as well as specialists in finance, engineering, inventory control, and the technique of costs. Admittedly, this type of program can be misused and become just another form of high-class political patronage. A good protection against this is to write job specifications so exacting as to competence, experience, and talents that all but the qualified would be eliminated. Place their final selection in the hands of a departmental chief, subject to the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

One over-all answer is to decentralize Washington back to the production front. Let Washington move to our factories where the jobs are really done. This task of decentralizing to the production front is not only necessary from the standpoint of better administration but essential when viewed in the light of an enemy attack on our continent. However, this proposal moves against the grain of tradition, for here we would squarely face the need for a change in attitude. Many men have had this idea within the past ten years and some improvement has taken place in moving activities out of Washington and into district offices. The truth is that officials in central management seem to have an inherent appetite for the power of decision and are constantly grasping for control. It will be best to deputize authority to competent decentralized district officers. It is no ex-

cuse to point out that such decentralized leaders are less competent. If they are in truth less competent, then qualified men should be placed in the decentralized responsibility.

Let's decentralize our conferences, too, and hold them on the local front instead of at the capital. Meetings do serve a purpose if properly conducted. The best conference is attended by men who know their jobs and who are free to express their views across the table. This means that the conference must not be too large, the moderator or chairman must avoid speeches and domina-



"If you want anything to eat, lay off the drum - this is the third cake you made fall today."

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tion, and the objectives must be clearly defined. There are always two men more essential than any others - the man who *makes* the weapon or product, and the man who *uses* it.

Bring in the combat people. We want to hear from the men who are flying our jets, manning our tanks, and navigating our submarines. We need the opinion of the men who saw that boy aim an outmoded bazooka at a Russian tank only to have the shell bounce off - and he died. A few attempts have been made to bring in the combat people but to date this procedure has not been spread far enough. Private management has created a new administrative tool known as "test-in-use." It is an independent unit not integrated with any other. Its sole duty is to learn the faults from the user. "Test-in-use" staffs should be limited in number. A few smart people are better than any army of inspectors.

There is interesting pay dirt in the possibility of part-time, high-quality executive service. This should not be confused with the habit of inviting a group of outstanding executives to one-day Washington conferences. Too often

these business men sit as exhausted listeners before a congested program. Rather, it visualizes the executive moving to Washington for a three-month tour of duty every two years (with the full approval of his board of directors and stockholders) to take part in high-level discussions and decisions dealing with tables of requirements and the procurement of weapons and matériel. Many fine men are available for this type of service but would find it difficult or impossible to accept full-time employment. While it is a detail of housekeeping, adequate facilities for these men should be mentioned. Too many competent individuals have been asked to serve in Washington with office space and equipment and secretarial assistance totally inadequate to the responsibilities that have been laid before them.

No one can deny that we have the brains, the competence, and the experience in our private, free citizenry which, when properly allied with similar qualifications of our military leaders, can solve this problem. We cannot do it when the services are forced to place fighter pilots in procurement jobs as their only way of retaining the fighter pilots' services. I have mentioned pilots specifically but only for the purpose of example. There are countless instances where line officers were brought in to huge procurement responsibilities for which they were in no way qualified.

Perhaps an independent, government-owned procurement corporation outside of Civil Service should be established, somewhat along the lines of the one in Canada, which would be manned by the best executives and experts of the nation. While in Washington during WW II, I was impressed with the fact that the Canadians seemed to know what they wanted. Their delegation in Washington was small and made up of top-flight civilians. Apparently Canada had deputized the authority of decision to this group. It was a pleasure to work with them.

After a full study of our past failures to identify our weakness, our most hopeful course seems to lie in two major directions: (1) a far greater degree of decentralization, and (2) a procurement authority staffed by our best brains. These men would sit in executive session during peace and war. They could rotate under a sound executive policy to gain a full understanding of our defense requirements. They could have a periodic return to civilian industry in order to keep abreast of rapidly increasing developments.

Of one thing we may all be sure - we cannot ask our men to face the enemy with anything less than the best weapons.

THE END



# Let's Look At Our Foundations

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Society, and the American Association for the United Nations.

Hiss had a friend named Laurence H. Duggan, likewise a former State Department official. Duggan succeeded his father as head of the Institute of International Education. This organization has had the financial support not only of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Carnegie Corporation but of more than a dozen other foundations, as well as handsome contracts from the State Department. In December of 1948 Laurence H. Duggan jumped or was hurled to his death from his New York office window. He had been questioned a few days earlier by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation about his association with Alger Hiss and other suspected red agents.

Another prominent figure who has wielded immense influence at the State Department and the White House and who has received considerable sums of foundation money is Professor Owen Lattimore. Lattimore has denied that he is a communist, but his writings have followed the pro-Soviet line on the Far East. Senator McCarran told the Senate that Lattimore's role in the "shaping of United States policy with respect to China was a factor in the success of Communism in that land." He recalled that Lattimore had made "deliberate and adroit attempts to mold American thinking" on the Far East.

Professor Lattimore long ago journeyed to China on a travel and research grant from the Social Science Research Council. This agency has received more than \$6,000,000 from the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations, the Julius Rosenwald Fund, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Twentieth Century Fund, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the General Education Board (Rockefeller), the Spelman Fund (Rockefeller), the Commonwealth Fund, and the Grant Foundation.

Lattimore continued to receive fellowships as the years wore on. There was one from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, heavily endowed by Rockefeller and Carnegie, two from the J. Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fund, and a grant-in-aid for field work in Mongolia from the Institute of Pacific Relations. Lattimore edited the iniquitous red-slanted publication, *Amerasia*, largely a product of I.P.R. members.

The I.P.R. itself was underwritten by both Carnegie and Rockefeller foundations to the extent of \$2,176,000 from 1925 through 1950. Lattimore's own Department of International Relations at Johns Hopkins received \$885,000

from one Carnegie fund during 1949-50 and has tapped other foundations in the amount of \$2,000,000. As a fund-raiser, Lattimore has no peer. What school would willingly part with such a dollar attracter, no matter what his views?

Professor John King Fairbank of Harvard, an I.P.R. trustee, a Lattimore protégé, and also an "expert" on the Far East, was denied entry to Japan last year. The United States Army refused a permit, although Fairbank swore to an affidavit denying he had ever been a communist.

Congress might well look into the curious reasons why the Rockefeller Foundation picked up the check for the I.P.R. meeting at Lucknow, India, in October of 1950. The session on "Nationalism in the Far East" actually was a forum in which communist speakers attacked Americans and the U.S.A.

Another organization bent on molding public opinion which always has its hand out to the big foundations is the Foreign Policy Association, the most powerful outfit of its kind in the country. In the interest of left-wing internationalism the Foreign Policy Association distributes millions of pamphlets and sends out a small army of speakers to its branches. F.P.A. publications for many years were accorded quasi-official recognition and priority by the State Department in training and indoctrinating its personnel. They received similar recognition from some of the Armed Forces.

The Rockefeller Foundation contributed \$625,000 to the Foreign Policy Association between 1934 and 1945. In 1945 the foundation handed the F.P.A. another grant of \$200,000, following it up with \$20,000 in 1950. This year the Ford Foundation, biggest trust of them all, with assets of nearly 500 million dollars and an income of 25 million a year to spend, gave the F.P.A. a financial shot in the arm of \$355,000. The money will be applied to a three-year, \$600,000 expansion program for developing "world affairs councils" throughout the country. Carnegie has also pumped funds into the F.P.A.

Vera Micheles Dean, not particularly noted for ever having opposed or criticized Soviet foreign policy, is a prolific writer for the F.P.A.

One of the strangest Rockefeller grants was \$110,000 to Cornell University in 1948 for a study of "civil liberties and the control of subversive activities." None other than Professor Walter F. Gellhorn of Columbia University, whose name had been unfavorably mentioned in the investigations of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was assigned to write the

first volume of these Cornell studies.

Congressional records reveal Gellhorn as a leader of the National Lawyers Guild, which, according to the judgment of the House Committee, is "the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party." Although Gellhorn's left-wing connections were exposed, the Rockefeller Foundation went right ahead and turned over another \$20,000 grant to him in 1950. Four volumes of the Rockefeller-subsidized Cornell project have already appeared. In their one-sided treatment of all legislative investigations of communism, they have been of solid comfort to our communist traitors.

When Hanns Eisler, brother of the notorious Soviet agent, Gerhardt Eisler, needed funds, the Rockefeller Foundation took care of him. Hanns voluntarily quit the United States when he was about to be deported as an alien communist. Hanns received a Rockefeller grant for a music study course. The man was a known communist. His main distinction was that of composing the "Comintern March" and other tunes in the red song book.

The Rockefeller Foundation has an affinity for things Russian. In 1944, the big trust came up with a half-million-dollar grant for the translation and publication of Soviet books in the United States. The executive head of the organization which received the grant, the American Council of Learned Societies, was head of the committee which raised funds for the defense of John Stewart Service, State Department officer mixed up in the *Amerasia* stolen documents case, who was recently dismissed as a doubtful security risk.

Millions of American dollars have also been ladled out by the Rockefeller Foundation to the London School of Economics. This institution has been the principal culture medium for the breeding of communists, crypto-communists and socialists in England, many of whom have come to the United States to "educate" us. The late Professor Harold Laski, mastermind of the British Labour Party, taught at the London School.

One of the greediest feeders at the foundation trough was the late Louis Adamic. Adamic, who either shot himself or was murdered in his New Jersey home, was a member of some fifty communist-front organizations. He devoted most of his literary life to glorifying the Soviets and became the chief apologist in the United States for Tito, communist dictator of Yugoslavia. The Carnegie Corporation gave him grants-in-aid while he was writing his books. He also received money from the



Rockefeller Foundation over the years.

Adamic was editor of a magazine called *Common Ground*, a publication largely financed with Carnegie money. On his editorial board was Langston Hughes, the Negro poet who has sustained himself during much of his adult life on foundation grants. Hughes' best known poem, "Goodbye Christ," urges Jesus to "beat it on away from here now" to "make way for Marx, Communist Lenin, Peasant Stalin, Worker Me."

Congress will find no more fertile field for investigation of the way philanthropic funds have been subverted than in the doling out of grants by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, a 25-million-dollar trust set up by the late United States Senator Simon Guggenheim and his wife. The foundation hands out fellowships ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

According to Congressman Cox, "Guggenheim money was used to spread radicalism throughout the country to an extent not excelled by any other foundation." He listed Guggenheim fellows with outright communist or red-front connections as follows:

Louis Adamic, Newton Arvin, Peggy Bacon, Carleton Beals, Albert Bein, Alvah Bessie, Marc Blitzstein, Kenneth Burke, Jack Conroy, Aaron Copland, Adolph Dehn, Angna Enters, Kenneth Fearing, Hallie Flanagan, Mordecai Gorelik, William Gropper, Albert Halper, Josephine Herbst, Granville Hicks, Maurice Hindus, Langston Hughes, Rolfe Humphries, and Joe Jones.

Also, Otto Klineberg, Owen Lattimore, Douglas S. Moore, Carey McWilliams, Lewis Mumford, Alexander North, Nathaniel Pfeffer, Bernard Reiss, Earl Robinson, Isidor Schneider, Harry Slockover, Maxwell S. Stewart, Tom Tippet, Genevieve Taggard, Charles R. Walker, Edmund Wilson, Richard Wright, and William E. Zeuch.

Some of the communists, Granville Hicks and Richard Wright, for example, have become disillusioned with communism and have left the party. That, however, does not make the foundation any the less culpable. The grants were made when the men were active communists.

The Guggenheim boys apparently haven't learned their lesson. Among those awarded fellowships this year is Professor Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale University Law School. Emerson is the former president of the National Lawyers' Guild, which the House Committee on Un-American Activities found was a legal bastion for the communist party. The professor has been accused by the Committee of having "an affinity" for communist-front organizations.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund liqui-

dated its 35 million dollars in assets after the war but the memory lingers on. Established by Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago mail order king, "for the well-being of mankind," the trust was exploited by the same type of left-wingers that sapped the Guggenheim fund. A few in this category named by Congressman Cox were the following:

Langston Hughes, W. E. B. Du Bois, Claude McKay, Clark Foreman, James Dombrowski, Ira De Reid, Lillian Smith, Shirley Graham, Pearl Primus, Horace Cayton, and John P. Davis.

The Rosenwald account was also drawn upon by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which was identified as a communist front by the United States government.

A tremendous flood of foundation money has gone into the coffers of the leading universities and colleges. While much of it is for laudable purposes, one curious use of such funds, according to the *Congressional Record*, involved Professor Ernest J. Simmons, head of the Slavic Department at Columbia University.

Simmons obtained a post-war grant from Czechoslovakia to finance studies at Columbia and then decided to go after one from red Poland. He obtained a Soviet visa. His expenses were paid by the Rockefeller Foundation through the American Council of Learned Societies.

Just before he sailed, Prof. Simmons rejected an offer of \$1,200 from an American businessman in Georgia who wished to help an anti-Soviet Polish writer give a series of lectures at Columbia. Upon his return from Europe, Simmons' department received \$10,000 from the communist Polish government. This was followed by further grants in later years. Professor Arthur P. Cole-

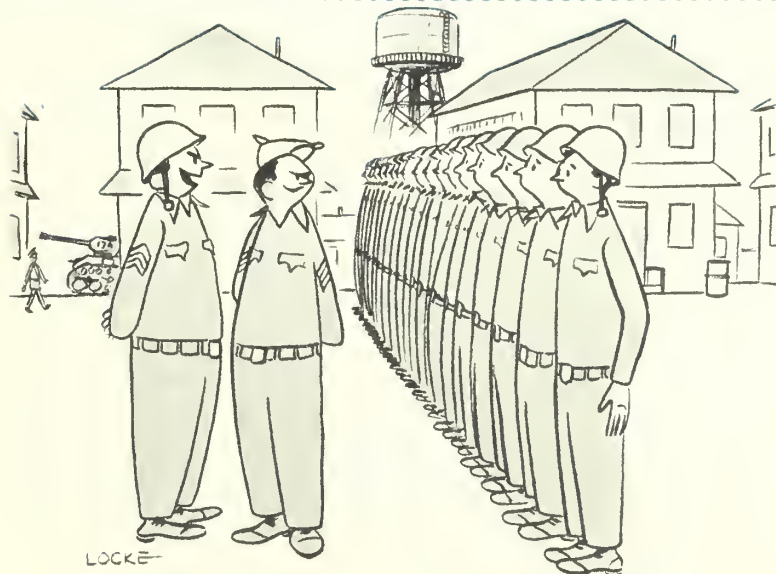
man resigned from Columbia University in protest.

Education has privileged status with the foundations, and any attack upon an institution of learning or an individual connected with it lights up the vested interest fires of "academic freedom." When the communist-front links of faculty members at Sarah Lawrence College, the Yonkers school for young ladies, were revealed recently, two foundations reacted with \$45,000 in gifts. It may be significant that the donors were kept anonymous.

The big foundations have also bestowed their financial blessing upon Professor Harold O. Rugg of Teachers College, Columbia University. Rugg in his foundation-financed *Frontier Thinkers* series of "social science" books, advocated governmental ownership of all banks, heavy industries, insurance companies, and natural resources. During 1949, the Carnegie Corporation allotted \$450,000 to Dr. Rugg's department at Columbia. The professor boasted that more than 5,000,000 school children had studied his works before they were "well nigh destroyed by the patrioteers and the native fascist press."

It has been said in defense of the foundations that many of the directors, important cogs in American industry and affairs, are too busy to examine trusts nominally in their care. Whether this is so or whether some of these people or their hirelings are sympathetic to the questionable people and causes benefitting from foundation money is something that deserves the attention of the investigating Congressmen.

Let us take, for example, the Marshall Field Foundation, a \$10,000,000 proposition, with two directors having long records of affiliations with organizations deemed subversive by the House Com-



"Ever notice how the married ones take orders better?"

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mittee on Un-American Activities. One of these is Justine Wise Polier, a Justice of the Domestic Relations Court in New York City, and the other is Dr. Channing Heggie Tobias, an ordained minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for Negro education and improved race relations.

A prominent personality in the Ford Foundation, which has an annual income of approximately \$25,000,000, is Robert M. Hutchins, an associate director under Paul G. Hoffman, the president. Hutchins is former chancellor of the University of Chicago. He is recalled at the midway institution for his quixotic education theories and leftward slant. When Hutchins was asked during a hearing of an Illinois State Legislature Committee, "Is there any doubt that the Communist Party is a conspiratorial fifth column operating in the interest of a foreign state?" he replied under oath, "I am not instructed on this subject. I understand many Communists say they do not operate under instructions of a foreign state." Imagine a man that uninformed disbursing millions of dollars of American capital!

Many strange foundation activities are carried on in the name of sweet charity. Perhaps the oddest was that of the China International Foundation, which operated surplus tankers and carried oil to red China. It will be recalled that the lawyer in this deal was Newbold Morris, who served a few weeks as a corruption-buster in Washington and was then dismissed by former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Also in the name of charity, the Robert Marshall Foundation has aided communists and red-front organizations

for many years. This trust, for example, financed the defense of William Remington, former Commerce Department economist who was charged with perjury for denying he had ever been a communist.

Besides advancing money for the defense of communists or suspected communists in the courts, the Marshall trust appropriated \$100,000 to a group of organizations cited as subversive by the Department of Justice. These included the American Youth Congress, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the National Negro Congress, and the Southern Negro Youth Congress. This foundation was established by the late Robert Marshall, a left-winger and chief of the Division of Recreation in the Forestry Service. His estate of \$1,534,070 was left to him by his father, Louis Marshall, a member of the law firm of Guggenheim, Untermyer & Marshall.

These are only a few of the known incidents of foundation infiltration by left-wingers, a mere scratching of the surface which should be dug more deeply by the Congressional investigators. This is not meant to imply that all is rotten in the foundations. The big foundations have done a great deal of good in this world despite the rotten apples in the barrel.

John D. Rockefeller, the oil magnate, once said perhaps more prophetically than he knew that "it is easy to do harm in giving money." He gave away a half billion dollars in philanthropies during his lifetime. At the outset, the Rockefeller Foundation, which has current assets of some 160 million dollars, gave generously for the eradication of hookworm, yellow fever, and malaria. The Red Cross obtained considerable sums

of Rockefeller money during World War I. Major activities have been in the fields of mental hygiene, biology, anthropoid research, and nursing education as well as fellowships in physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

Andrew Carnegie, the canny steel-master born in Scotland, established the Carnegie Corporation in 1911 "to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding among the people of the United States, Canada, and the British colonies by aiding technical schools, institutions of higher learning, libraries, scientific research, hero funds, useful publications, and by such other agencies and means as shall from time to time be found appropriate therefor." How far the Carnegie Corporation and the other trusts founded in his name have strayed from the original lofty aims is a measurement for Congress to take. Current assets in the Carnegie Corporation alone are in the neighborhood of \$175,000,000.

Some of the large but lesser-known foundations have stuck to the aims of the donors. Trustees and administrators alike have worked hard to bring into being and maintain hospitals, sanitariums, colleges, rural schools, research laboratories for studies into cancer and tuberculosis causes and possible cures, studies for the curbing of epidemics and plagues, and to build museums and art galleries.

Among the latter group are: Charles Hayden Foundation, A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, Buhl Foundation, Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation, Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation (not to be confused with the aforementioned John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation), John and Mary Markle Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Duke Endowment, and W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

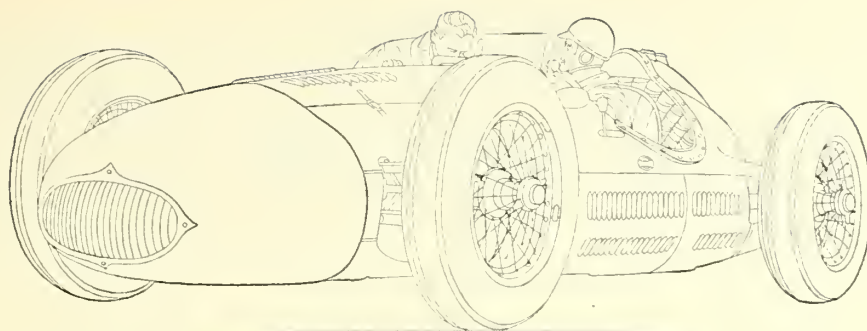
It is the immense amount of good which many of the foundations have done for mankind that obscures the growing evil from Kremlin agents and their satellites. Only a full-scale investigation can bring the rottenness to light. It is not within the scope of this article to say how all this happened. That is up to Congress. This country, as strong and powerful as it is, cannot afford to have individuals like Alger Hiss waxing powerful on great sums of money provided by the very system they are trying to tear down.

Herein lies a tragically incongruous situation. Parents of some GI's in Korea have great difficulty scraping together enough cash to pay their income taxes with which to fight communism abroad. At the same time a foundation is allowed with impunity to parcel out tax-free funds by the millions to sources bent on spreading the doctrines of the Kremlin in this country. THE END



"Haven't used them in months — can't afford to buy any wood."





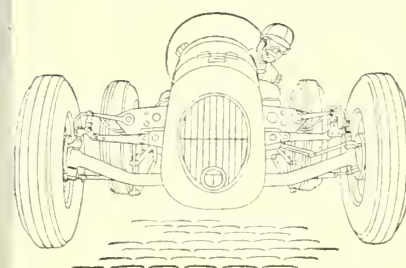
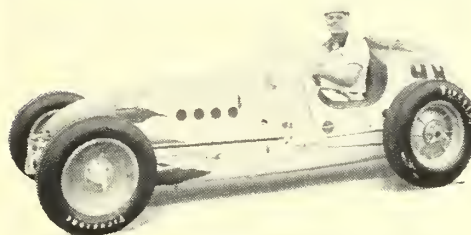
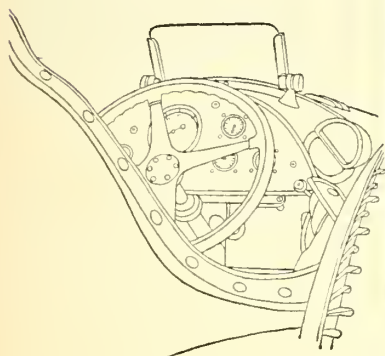
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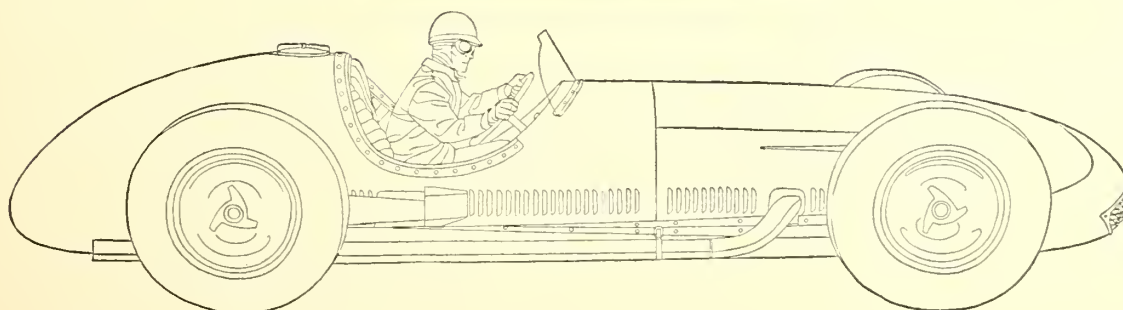
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## A Little Privacy

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some really swell times. Now and then we have free beer for the members."

"Don't worry about me. I drink my beer at home," said Herbert.

Charlie's jaw dropped. "I knowed it!" he cried. "You've had cold beer in the house all these times I been to see you and you don't offer me none!" He stamped angrily to his car. "Darned old isolationist!" he muttered, and roared up the lane.

Myra turned on Herbert. "Well, are you satisfied?" she asked. "Or are you going to lay land mines next?"

"I might at that," said Herbert grimly.

The next morning, after driving Myra to the railroad station, Herbert had an idea. He crayoned a large sign and hung it on the gate that crossed his private lane out at the public road. The sign read: NOT HOME GONE AWAY. That ought to do it, thought Herbert.

After a pleasant, solitary lunch, he decided to paint the roof. He set a long ladder against the house, hauled a shorter ladder to the roof and anchored it to the ridgepole. He came down again, stirred the paint and stuffed some paint rags and a brush into his pockets. He wore his straw hat and took along pipe, tobacco pouch and matches. He filled a mason jar with water, capped it, tied a loop of twine about its throat and slung it from his shoulder canteen fashion. "No sense running up and down every time I get thirsty," Herbert said. Then he began the long climb topside.

To get from the main ladder to the one on the roof, it was necessary to lean out to his right, but as Herbert moved

to the right, the ladder upon which he stood moved to the left and continued to move in a magnificent arc until it crash-landed in Myra's rock garden far below.

"Hey!" cried Herbert, dangling from the lower rung of the roof ladder. His face pressed against the hot tin roof, the eaves cut across his middle, paint spilled out of the can and over him, and his legs thrashed wildly in nothing but nice, fresh country air.

"Only one way to go, Herbert," he told himself, "and that's up!"

He gained the roof in a spectacular scramble, swarmed on up to the roof-peak, then sat astride it like a tiny horseman on a mighty steed. "Might as well take inventory," he said. His pipe was missing. "Not much paint left either," he remarked peering sadly into the can. "Most of it's on me, I guess." It was indeed. Herbert's whole left side was brilliant with Venetian Red Barn and Roof Paint causing him to resemble a melancholy Valentine. As long as he was up here with no hope of getting down until someone came along to set up the ladder, it occurred to Herbert that he might as well use up what little paint was left.

"No sense brooding, Herbert," he said. "Let's keep busy."

The next few seconds were extremely busy. He unhooked the end of the roof ladder to drag it along with him, but in doing so, the paint brush worked out of his pocket. "Hey, come back here!" he cried, caught the brush but dropped the paint can. It clattered down the roof.

"Not you too!" he shouted at the can, and in the excitement lost his grip

on the ladder. Away it streaked down the steep roof like a toboggan. Herbert crouched sadly on the ridgepole and watched the ladder whiz out of sight. "What a situation!" he cried. "No words to describe it—well, yes there are too, but we're too close to Heaven."

He inched along the peak to the chimney which was topped with a backdraft baffle—a flat sheet of iron on a support of bricks at each corner. It made an all-right table for his water jar and paint brush.

Clinging to the chimney, he surveyed the world about him. It was strictly vegetable and mineral—trees, fields and rocks. Almost like a desert island, only this island happened to be tin and very high.

"Help!" Herbert shouted, then managed a feeble grin. "Save your lungs, Herbert. No one can hear. You'll just have to wait until someone comes down the lane. And don't worry, Charlie Schmoyer or someone'll show up. . . . No, they won't either! I clean forgot that sign!"

The sun went down in the west. Had it gone down in any other direction, Herbert would not have been surprised. This had been a day of surprises. "Can't fall asleep tonight, or I'll roll off the roof," he muttered, "only how will I keep awake?" A raindrop hit him on the nose. "I'll keep awake all right; it's starting to rain," Herbert groaned. He saved his matches by holding them under the iron plate. "Don't know why I bother—can't eat matches," he grumbled, and this only led to thoughts of all the things he could eat if they were available. It rained all night, a steady, soaking rain, the kind that is ideal for crops but not for people roosting out on rooftops. One good thing, it refilled Herbert's water jar.

Herbert spent the next morning drying off, and the early afternoon peering up the long lane in the anxious manner of a commuter who has missed the last bus home but can't believe it.

Suddenly he saw the dog. It was a large, brownish dog. Herbert would much rather have seen Charlie or someone capable of setting up ladders, but he was in no position to be selective.

He whistled for the dog. The dog stopped.

"Here, doggie! Nice doggie," Herbert called.

The dog pricked up his ears and looked around.

"Up here, doggie! Up here!" Herbert shouted down.

The dog looked up and cocked his head. "Aha, cocking the head like that shows intelligence," mused Herbert.

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"But how much. Is he intelligent enough to carry a note to civilization? Hard to tell. After all, the dog is of a lower mental order than man. Still, here is the man up on a roof and there is the dog down where the man would like to be. I should worry about *his* intelligence!"

Holding the dog's attention with a cordial patter, Herbert prepared his SOS. He tore the paper cover off the match-book, burnt several matches, then used their charred ends to pencil the message: *Help! H. Willis*. He emptied his tobacco pouch, placed the note inside, and tossed it down to the dog. "Catch!" he ordered.

The dog misunderstood Herbert's intentions. He had learned from bitter experience that when people started throwing things it was time to shove off. He began to do so now.

"Come back here!" screamed Herbert. He whistled frantically. At last the dog returned warily. He sniffed the pouch.

"Pick it up, doggie; pick it up," Herbert pleaded. The dog obeyed. "Attaboy!" cheered Herbert. "Now home! Home! Home!"

The dog dug a hole and buried the pouch.

"I guess he thought I said 'Bone,'" Herbert sighed and collapsed back against the chimney. The dog sniffed a few shrubby settings and then departed leisurely. "Man's best friend!" snorted Herbert. "I have no friends! Just when I need them most, I have no friends! Not even Charlie Schmoyer . . ." As if the name had conjured up the man, Charlie's battered jalopy hove into sight. Down the lane it wandered at a stately pace, and Herbert didn't

stop cheering until it jerked to a halt below.

"Charlie boy! Charlie boy!" Herbert called down gaily.

Charlie stumbled out of the car. He appeared much more unsteady than usual, and when he stared up at Her-



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bert, even from the height of the roof, Charlie's eyes seemed to have an artificial look similar to that of those glass ones found in a taxidermist's shop.

"Afternoon, Herbert," Charlie called up. "I knowed you was home. Knowed it the minute I seen that sign out on the gate."

"Thank goodness you did, Charlie," Herbert said with relief.

"Yep. Soon as I seen it, I figured—now that's just the kind of thing you

could expect Herbert Willis to do!"

"Silly of me, wasn't it?"

"Reckon it was," said Charlie. "But I knowed all right I knowed. I said to myself, I said—now let's see what was it I said? Oh, yes, I said: Nobody but Herbert Willis would stoop so low as to do a thing like that!" Charlie looked suddenly thoughtful. "Say, how'd you get up there without any ladders, hey?"

Herbert laughed lightly. "It's a long story, Charlie boy. I'll tell you all about it when you get me down."

"Get you down? Who says I'm gonna get you down?"

Herbert began to grow uneasy. "The ladders are around in the rock garden, Charlie," he said.

"Inna rock garden, hey? What're they doing inna rock garden, hey? Funniest place for . . . What's inna rock garden anyway, hey?"

"The ladders, Charlie, the ladders!" screamed Herbert.

"You told me that before. You don't need to keep repeating everything." He waved cheerfully to the man on the roof, then began to crawl into his car. "Well, don't let me keep you," Charlie shouted. "I'm going for a ride."

"Wait! Don't go!" Herbert thought quickly. "There's cold beer in the ice-box! Cold beer, Charlie!"

Charlie backed out of the car again like a frightened crayfish. "You don't say! Whish way's a kitchen?"

"Straight through the house, Charlie. Only don't forget the ladders."

"First things first," said Charlie, and he weaved out of sight. Herbert waited impatiently until Charlie's voice drifted skyward again. "Hey, where's a bottle opener?" Charlie bellowed.

"Put up the ladder and I'll come down and get it for you."

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"Never mind, never mind. I'll find it," said Charlie.

Charlie was inside a long time, and when at last he wandered outdoors again, it was plain to see the refreshments had not improved his condition. To make it worse, Charlie had not yet finished refreshing himself. In one hand he carried a bottle of beer; in the other, a sandwich. He made it to the catalpa tree and collapsed on the grass.

"Found the fixings for a sandwich too," Charlie remarked happily.

"Glad you did, Charlie," Herbert called down. His mouth watered and his stomach ached for a sandwich just like it.

Charlie waved the bottle. "My second," he explained. "Had one inside while I made the sandwich."

"Good for you, Charlie," said Herbert. It had not occurred to him that Charlie was in no condition to fool around with ladders. Herbert wanted down. "Now how about those ladders?" Herbert pleaded.

"The ladders're inna rock garden," said Charlie knowingly. He took a bite of sandwich and washed it down with beer. Then he capped the mouth of the bottle with his thumb, shook it, and played a stream of beer about him playfully. "Make the grass grow," he said.

"Charlie! Will you kindly get me down!" Herbert's voice was sharp with impatience. It was not the proper tone to use in view of Charlie's sensitive, overwrought condition. It turned him belligerent.

"Don't rush me, you darned old isolationist!" Charlie bellowed.

Herbert did not like one bit how things were going. "Charlie," he soothed, "Charlie boy, we're friends."

With tremendous dignity, Charlie struggled to a semi-standing position. He flung down the remains of the sandwich and trampled it. "No, we ain't friends!" he cried, and suddenly his cheeks were wet with tears. "You hate me, Herbert Willish!"

"I don't, Charlie!" Herbert protested. "I don't..."

"Yes, you do too hate me! That sign was to keep me out! You don't want me around! I'm not good enough for you!"

"Charlie, please," Herbert pleaded, "I love you like a brother."

"I'll not stay here and be insulted! I'm going home," Charlie announced, and got into his car and started the motor.

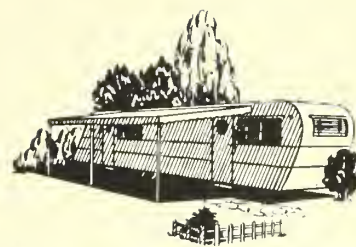
"Charlie, don't go!" Herbert begged. Charlie turned the car and headed for the lane. "Charlie!" Herbert screamed. "Come back!"

"You wanted privacy. Now you got it!" Charlie retorted, and the car rolled on.

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beat on Herbert too, but he was beyond caring. All that seemed certain was that he would expire up here—friendless, forgotten by all but Myra. “And I wonder how soon *she’ll* remarry?” sighed Herbert. “I hope her next husband is a more sociable guy than I was. Myra always liked people; guess she had a point there. Oh, well, this is the end. Darn Charlie anyhow. Just because of that little old sign and some silly remarks I made yesterday about . . . *Wait a minute! That’s it! Never say die, Herbert!*”

In a few hours it would be dark enough to try, and Herbert willed those hours to pass quickly. Shortly after dusk, he heard the phone ringing downstairs. “Call back later,” he said hopelessly.

Then it was dark. The rich, solid black before moonrise. Herbert climbed up on the chimney top. It was risky but he had to chance it. He recalled his fears that his chimney might show above the trees, only now he noted with satisfaction that indeed it did come mighty close. There, far to the east, he made out the lighted windows of the Schmoyer farm. To the south he saw a cluster of lights. That would be the village. And way up there through an ebony scrim of foliage he glimpsed an occasional moving shaft of light. The public road.

“Here goes,” said Herbert. “Lucky I saved my matches.”

He wrapped a paint rag around the bristles of his paint brush, set it on fire, and waved the blazing torch until it grew too hot to handle. He dropped it—still burning—onto the iron plate, and crawled down to the roof again. He added the rest of the paint rags and his

straw hat to the flames. He peeled off his shirt, undervest and dungarees; he removed his shoes and socks, and heaped them on the pyre too. Owing to their thorough soaking of paint, the clothes flared up in a thrilling pyrotechnic display, and sparks sailed into the black sky like Roman candle balls. It was not a blaze of long duration, but while it burned, it burned fiercely. To any watchers it must have appeared that the Willises were operating a small blast furnace at home.

“But *are* there any watchers?” thought Herbert. The answer was forthcoming. Suddenly a siren screamed and growled across the summer night. “Oh, boy!” Herbert exclaimed. “Now I wonder how long they toot that thing before they come?”

Not long. Not long at all. The siren had just begun to die away when they came roaring down the lane in jeeps and pickup trucks and family cars—a noisy, glowing, bumper-to-bumper cavalcade led by Charlie Schmoyer’s old sedan which seemed to have been given a new lease on life plus an extra speed forward for this special occasion. Directly behind Charlie thundered the fire engine, glowing dark, rich red in the light from the cars behind. The motorcade halted.

“Herby boy, you all right? You up there yet?” It was Charlie’s voice, and now he sounded cold sober.

“Of course I’m up here,” Herbert called down.

“Don’t know what got into me,” Charlie said. “Honest, I meant to come back for you but it plain jumped my mind. All night I sat drinking black coffee and trying to remember what it was I ought to do.”

“Will you kindly do it now?” said

Herbert, and suddenly a spotlight shone in his eyes. At the same moment, he heard Charlie shout: “Never mind the hoses, boys. Just the ladders.”

Someone said: “Hey, look up there—he’s naked as a turkey egg!”

“No, he’s got shorts on,” argued another fireman.

“Only how come he’s all red down one side?” asked someone else.

“Hurry up with those ladders!” Charlie roared.

Herbert’s descent was slow and cautious; he had lost a lot of faith in ladders. But he made it down at last, and was reveling in the feel of the good, solid earth beneath his bare feet when the phone began to ring again.

“Come along inside, boys, while I answer it,” Herbert said to the firemen. “Oh, and Charlie,” he went on, “you start setting out all the grub and stuff you can find for the fellows. You ought to know your way around our kitchen by now.” Charlie grinned sheepishly and retired to the kitchen. Herbert answered the phone.

“Hello,” said Herbert.

“We’re going to have a baby,” said a woman’s voice.

“Wrong number,” Herbert replied, and started to hang up. But the phone made such a squawking noise that he put it back to his ear.

“Don’t hang up, Herbert! It’s me—Myra. I tried to call before . . .”

“Oh, hello, honey,” said Herbert. “I thought it was someone saying something about a baby.”

“It was. I mean I did. I talked it over with Beth here . . .”

“Talked what over with Beth? What?”

“The baby, Herbert. And she agreed it might be better to tell you about it by long distance . . .”

“That’s nice,” said Herbert, “so your sister’s having a baby?”

“No, no! *We are*,” Myra waited. “Herbert, are you still there?”

“Myra! How soon?” Herbert squeaked.

“Oh, not for months yet.”

“Well, you hurry home anyway, honey!” He turned proudly to his guests. “Did you hear that, fellows? *A baby!*”

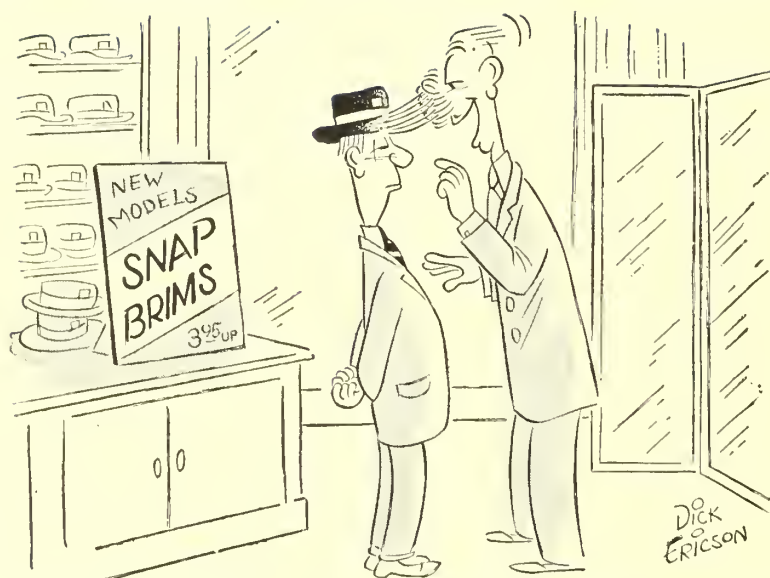
“Herbert, who’re you talking to?” asked Myra. “Who’s with you?”

“Only the firemen,” said Herbert.

“*Firemen!*” Myra screamed, and the line seemed to go dead.

“Oh, no, honey, it’s not what you’re thinking!” Herbert assured her. “It’s—uh, more like a social call. I—well, I just joined the fire company.” He turned for confirmation to Charlie who had just appeared in the kitchen doorway. “Right, Charlie?” he asked.

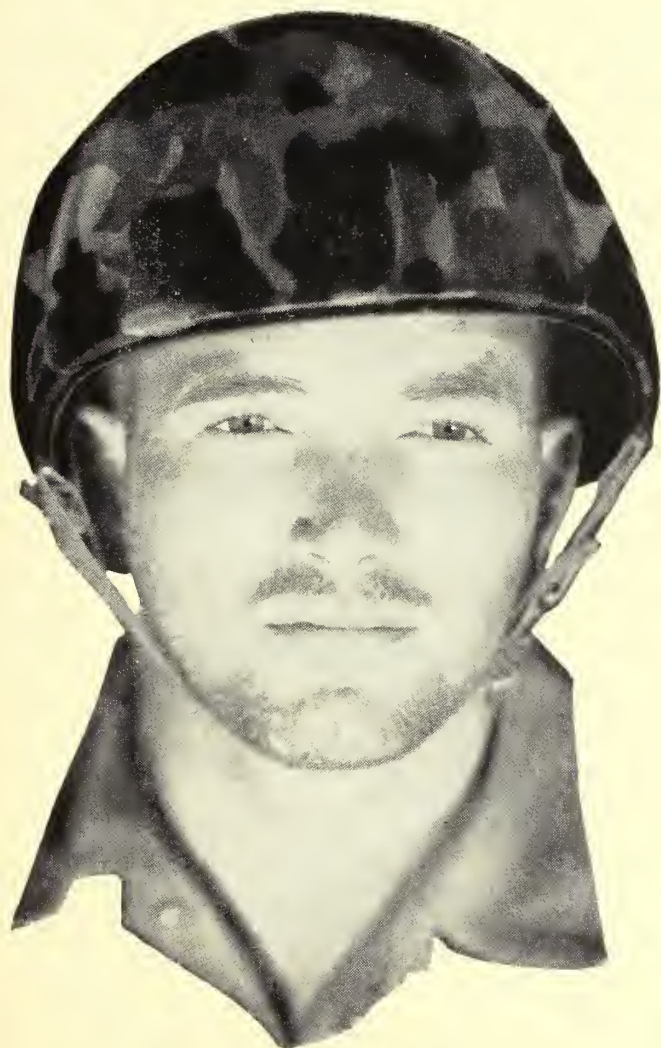
Charlie nodded. “Right, Herby. Now find me that bottle opener.” THE END



“You can wear this little beauty either up or—oops, you rascal—down.”



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## Parties with a Purpose

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The railroad was celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, and a motion picture about it was nearing completion in Hollywood. The tie-in possibilities were obvious, and a locomotive-movie-railroad de luxe transcontinental junket was evolved. A special train would be loaded in California with movie and press people, and one of the new locomotives would pull it first to the Middle West for the premiere of the motion picture, and then eastward to the New York World's Fair.

The locomotive, a canary-yellow monster, arrived in California on schedule and started impressively eastward, pulling a train loaded with stars and starlets, Scotch and Bourbon, press and press agents. All went well for some hours. The glamorous train rolled along at speeds of around a hundred miles an hour.

And then, mysteriously, all the 5,000 horses under the hood of the locomotive suddenly died. The train slowed and stopped right in the middle of the western desert. There was quite a wait before another locomotive could be sent from some miles away.

When it finally came over the mountain, everybody except the publicists of the yellow monster burst out laughing. It wasn't its sister. It wasn't even a modern locomotive. It was a little wood burner that might have been part of the railroad's original equipment. There were cheers as the tiny oldster puffed away with the impotent monster in tow.

The newspaper men, assisted by the movie publicists, rushed stories about it to their papers. The film premiere came off as planned, but nearly everything

else was cancelled—and the railroad did not buy the locomotives.

More recently, there was an air press junket to Venezuela arranged by a government-backed airline to demonstrate the tranquillity of the country and its attractions for tourists and businessmen. As the invitations came in a gloomy December, it was not difficult to find a dozen newspaper men of note willing to spend a few days in the tropics. Robert C. Ruark, the columnist, was one of those who went along.

A day after the party arrived in sunny Caracas, a revolution broke out. Rebels stole the DC-3 in which the junket flew. It was a minor revolt and mostly noise, but all of the visiting writers filed detailed dispatches to their publications and the impression conveyed to millions of North American readers was that Venezuela at the time was anything but tranquil.

The ultimate in disaster was a 1949 press junket to Indonesia by air. All aboard, including two Pulitzer Prize winners, were killed when their plane crashed in India on the return trip. As they had filed little from the East Indies, their stories died with them.

Calamity such as this is fortunately very, very rare. The press-party risk for a host usually is only money, which is entirely chargeable as a business expense. For the press, the only hazard is time and, in the words of a hardened guest, the possibility of witnessing a dramatic sketch "neither written by Hecht and MacArthur, nor acted by Lunt and Fontanne." The time might be spent more pleasantly, but there is the possibility that another assignment



"If I can't go over thirty-five—can I push in the clutch once in a while and race the motor?"

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could be duller. So what can you lose?

A lot of high-priced effort has been made to inject novelty into press parties. Let us consider the detail of invitations. The trend is definitely toward glass eyes and away from ordinary letters and telegrams. A while back, a lot of newspaper women received hotel keys marked "Hotel Berlin." They were invitations to previews of the motion picture of that title—but one girl's key was found by her non-Hollywood mother, who demanded an explanation of what her daughter had been up to.

Live carrier pigeons were once de-

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livered to newspaper offices by a night club. The recipients were asked to write their acceptance to a press party on a slip of paper, put it in a capsule tied to their bird, and toss him out the window. On another occasion, a Bebop singer burst into the offices of New York editors and literally sang an invitation to a new night spot. Huge Easter eggs, small hatboxes, and orchids are common vehicles for press-party invitations. One hot-minded party thrower even sent out invitations that had to be warmed before they became legible.

What happens at a party once you get there? Sometimes nothing at all for the benefit of the host. A lot of guests arrive, have a drink, swallow a canapé, greet a few friends, and, before the host can get in his "message," depart without meeting him or asking the reason for the affair. At most press parties, however, it is difficult to elude the sponsor and his message. Typical of the precautions against the thirsty and hungry but elusive guest was the routine at the recent freight-car party at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. The cocktails were upstairs, but no one was admitted until he had visited

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"Well," says the Judge, looking mystified, "what do you have to complain about?" "Plenty," replies Harry. "Rain's been pouring in my living room and if someone doesn't fix that roof, I'm moving out!"

*Now Harry was only having a little joke, but from where I sit I've seen people act just about as nervy as this sometimes—seriously. Like those who enjoy all the rights Americans have worked for, and yet would take away some of those freedoms from others—for example, take away our right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer. I say these "leaks of intolerance" have no place in the "home of liberty."*

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the freight car on the private siding underneath the hotel and there obtained a card of admittance for the festivities overhead.

Like any other kind of party, a press party is helped a lot by beautiful women, a reasonable balance of the sexes, good food and drink, and a little excitement. If pretty girls don't come with the product being promoted, companies commonly employ attractive models to check hats and pin name labels on guests appearing for the unveiling of an industrial product. The girls usually can't answer the simplest question about the product itself, but they brighten things up.

To insure an ample array of feminine pulchritude, motion-picture companies staging parties in New York for new films often invite the leading model agencies to send around their idle beauties. These accept with alacrity and for free in the hope of charming some director into giving them a Hollywood contract. The movie-struck girls, of course, often mistake newspaper reporters for film tycoons—but this is all right with the reporters.

Shapely and somewhat bare girls often display products at swimsuit and lingerie parties. These are attended by a lot of ogles as well as the boys from the *Corset & Underwear Review*, a very serious publication, by the way. A "glass pants" event thrown by Julius Kayser & Co. is a matter of wistful memory to press-party addicts. Invitations were accompanied by pairs of miniature glass pants. A nymph wearing almost nothing greeted guests at the door. Sister nymphs, wearing little more, distributed glass cigarette cases and nylons to women and glass tobacco pouches and matchbooks to the men.

Everybody drank from glasses blown in the shape of panties.

Entirely naked young ladies sometimes were served the press in the early days of the automobile business. Steam and electric cars then were struggling with the gasoline type for supremacy. Powerful interests backed all three; and the wine, women and song routine was developed highly. Some press parties were saturnalias. M. M. Musselman devotes considerable space in *Get a Horse*, his nostalgic history of the industry, to its cultivation of the press.

"A company with a tough bill of goods to sell," he recalls, "might throw a private party during show week that could cost as much as \$200 a plate. The male guests were not only wined and dined in lavish style, but were supplied with charming and acquiescent partners for the occasion."

In connection with the Chicago Automobile Show, Musselman records that the industry maintained a second headquarters for entertaining at the Everleigh Club, America's most luxurious bordello. This opened during the first year that automobiles were shown formally in Chicago, and it was an attraction for its visitors until closed in 1911. Some nights during show week, a press or exhibitor's pass from the show was required for admission to the Club. All of this, alas, has gone the way of cars like the Seven Little Buffaloes and the Stanley Steamer.

Automobile press parties are, while more prosaic, still among the most elaborate and costly. The big three of motordom transport and lavishly entertain automobile editors from all over the country every time an important model change is announced. Sports editors, city editors and even want-ad



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salesmen sometimes become automobile editors just for these events.

One of the smoothest automotive press parties is an annual dinner given to Detroit automobile writers by Dearborn Motors, a subsidiary of Ford. Each guest is asked in advance his preference as to pheasant, venison, steak, turkey, etc., and he is served the food of his choice cooked to his taste. Even this, however, is not always entirely free of grief, as attested by a telephone call from one of the hosts to Siler Freeman, automobile editor of the *Detroit Times*, on the day after one such banquet.

"How do you feel, Si?" asked the host.

"Fine," replied Freeman. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, two United Press men who ate the same thing you did aren't feeling so good."

"Oh," said Freeman, "don't worry about that. Those guys are just not used to eating pheasant."

As the idea is to cultivate the press, not to disable it, there is such a thing as a press party that's *too* good. A reporter unable to see the keys of his typewriter can't do much for his host's product. A junket doesn't help a sponsor if it is so glorious that all the seats in the plane are grabbed off by non-writing editors or business managers and the real working press left behind.

Many carefully planned parties obviously are both pleasant for the press and profitable for the host. A party of



"Then I guess it's about time you started thinking about a two bathroom house!"

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magazine writers, for example, enjoyed themselves so much on an oil company's junket to Louisiana, with stops in New Orleans' fine restaurants, that on their return to New York they gave a dinner

for the publicity man who had been their host on the trip.

Adroit press parties contributed greatly to the success of the Paramount picture, *Samson and Delilah*, a film that some critics thought just "a run-of-DeMille epic." There were parties at which fashion writers were painlessly given the low-down on Hedy Lamarr's scanty costumes. There were even parties for religious editors at which the DeMille revisions of the Bible were explained. In consequence, many publications that usually pay no attention to movies published something about this one. It all helped *Samson and Delilah* to gross \$11,000,000 in 1950, not a very good movie year, and to become one of the greatest box-office films of Hollywood history.

A refrigerator manufacturer, rather new in the field, earned important notice by filling a huge refrigerator with the \$2,000,000 cash involved in a contest and showing it dramatically to the press. A press party on a New York harbor tugboat attracted attention for *Little Toot*, a children's book about such a boat. A sheet manufacturer did well with a party marked by a bed-making contest. So did General Electric with a party launching its "bouncing putty" silicones. Guests even bounced samples off the ceiling.

Press party souvenirs, or "loot," as some guests call them, are quite often

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useful and sometimes valuable. Scarves, stockings, belts, bracelets and similar articles are distributed lavishly. One dress manufacturer hands out wild honey from his own farm. Perfume and cosmetic houses naturally give their own products. At its 100th anniversary press party, the Singer Sewing Machine Company presented statuettes containing music boxes that played "The Anniversary Waltz."

The record for unique press party souvenirs, however, is held unquestionably by the late Frank E. Campbell, the New York mortician. He gave a press party twenty-five years ago for the newspaper men and women reporting the funeral of Rudolph Valentino, the movie idol. Each guest received a small metal plate that could be exchanged for one funeral—his own. Since then, Mark Hellinger and several other newspaper men have collected their Campbell funerals.

Diamond people don't give the press

diamonds, but they have spectacular parties at which jewelry worth millions is displayed and no gate-crashers are allowed. Carol Channing, who sang "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" in the Broadway hit, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, was the center of such a party for visiting fashion editors. Each guest was photographed with her and allowed to wear, for the camera, a 250-carat diamond tiara once owned by the Empress Josephine. The pictures were published widely—on page one in some newspapers.

There are some big parties in the food field. Rice Week was marked, not long ago, with a press luncheon that consisted entirely of rice in various forms. Women who edit newspaper food pages come to New York every year for five solid days of press parties, luncheons and dinners. One manufacturer once called in men from branch offices and otherwise went to considerable trouble to provide each lady with

a male dinner partner. The males were so well turned out that the newspaper women thought they were from an escort service. Some of the food tycoons enjoyed this so much that they kept up the idea at their tables.

"I'll get an extra seven dollars," explained one, "if you keep me after midnight."

A notable junket was one by chartered plane from New York to a General Foods frozen-orange-juice plant at Lake Wales, Florida. An orange grower or some other local notable chauffeured each writer about as he wished. There was entertainment at clubs and beaches. The Governor of Florida formally commissioned each guest a colonel on his staff, and the publicity men involved were made honorary officials of Lake Wales.

A syndicate writer turned out the best of many stories about that junket. He wrote it in advance so he could enjoy the party.

THE END

## Should We Keep Propping Up Tito?

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the cause of the expelled, rebellious Yugoslav communists. All that happened before Tito's break with Russia is forgotten and forgiven.

American economic assistance to Tito amounted in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 1952 to one billion dollars, UNRRA aid included. America, together with Great Britain and France, is underwriting the deficit in the Yugoslav budget to the tune of \$190,000,000 a year. The French and the British, of course, obtain their dollars from Washington. Capital investments for the development of industry in Yugoslavia are being planned.

In part, the money comes from funds appropriated for the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 and the Mutual Security Act of 1951 and is supposed "to strengthen the defense capability of Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslav communist party insists on large scale industrialization of the country in the shortest possible time. Their insistence can be easily explained. As long as the country remains predominantly agricultural they will be faced with the strong opposition of the farmer. Industrialization means moving the farmer to the factory, where he will be silenced, controlled and made entirely dependent on the communist factory boss. There are no free labor unions in a communist state. Industrialization in Yugoslavia is only a method to enslave more and more people. It is a political, not an economic necessity. Unless Congress takes the most serious step to prevent this by refusing to appropriate money for industrialization, the following will happen:

American taxpayers' money will be

used for the destruction of the only remaining capitalist, the independent small landowner, the farmer; farms will be confiscated and the farmers sent to slave labor in factories erected with American taxpayers' money sent as a gift to the communists in Yugoslavia.

America will be doing in Yugoslavia exactly the same thing that Russia is doing in all the other communist-controlled countries in Europe. It will have provided the means for the communist party to maintain itself in power against the will of the large majority of the population.

American political support will assist the communists in their ruthless suppression and ultimate destruction of the democratic-minded farmer. Since 1945 the communist judges and police officers have handled, according to official statistics, 5,000,000 "criminal cases"; one out of every three citizens had to appear before the communist prosecution in the last six years.

Thus our policy of actively promoting communism can create nothing but confusion and resentment among the large anti-communist majority of the population.

Since June 1948 the communist party of Yugoslavia has been under an intensive propaganda attack from Russia and her European satellites. Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary are being armed by Russia for an eventual attack on Yugoslavia. There are frequent border incidents. As with Korea, Russia would not be directly involved, in what at first would be a localized war in Europe. To

counteract this very real danger, the United States signed with the communist government of Yugoslavia on November 14, 1951, a "military equipment assistance pact." Armament and military equipment is to be sent to Yugoslavia. Everyone who followed this development seemed to be anxious to know if Tito really intends to fight. Strangely enough nobody is asking, are the people of Yugoslavia willing to fight in support of Tito and his communists, under their leadership?

The people of Yugoslavia are not just anti-communist like a Republican is anti-Democrat in America. For years they have been offended, humiliated, persecuted, castigated, imprisoned and killed. Nothing is stronger than the avalanche of hatred—long accumulated and contained—when suddenly unchained by such a national catastrophe as war.

This deserves a great deal of attention and should be considered the fundamental issue when military or economic assistance is being contemplated.

If Yugoslavia is attacked by a communist country, or a group of communist countries, the great majority of the Yugoslavs will not fight. It will be made perfectly clear to them in advance that the attack is aimed at the communists and their leaders and not at the people of Yugoslavia. The masses of the population could and would remain passive. They would have nothing to fight for. Nobody in Yugoslavia would take such an attack as an act of aggression against the Western democracies or against the United States. To the democratic-minded masses such an attack would be a dog-fight between opposing commu-



nist organizations. The harder they fight, and the more they destroy each other, the better. An appeal by the United States in support of the Yugoslav communists would not be understood. According to best available evidence, the population will not support communism in peace or in war; no matter what the implications are. They are ready to fight and die for its destruction, but never for its defense or survival. To the anti-communist Yugoslavs these are simple, fundamental facts. If a democratic country like the United States wanted the population of

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Yugoslavia to join them in their fight for freedom and democracy, they would fight to their last drop of blood. Even then they would certainly not fight under communist leadership. They did so once in 1944 under British persuasion and ended up by having as a reward a communist government imposed upon them. They are very unlikely to repeat this costly mistake.

Fighting for democracy and freedom means to them fighting under American leadership and side by side with American troops. This might prove to be impossible in practice, so the population would simply remain passive. Such will be the ultimate result of an American policy which promotes Tito's brand of communism in Yugoslavia.

Since the Yugoslavs are not going to fight under present circumstances, why arm them now? Since they prefer the freedom of their farms to factory work under slave labor conditions, why promote large scale industrial developments in Yugoslavia?

The problem of Yugoslavia has been systematically and deliberately obscured for many years. The policy of promoting communism and thereby suppressing an entire nation has not much popular

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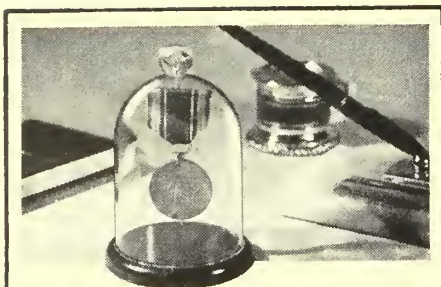
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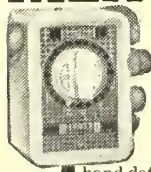
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appeal in America. Whatever the merits of this policy may have been, it is time for it to become the subject of frank public discussion. American policy toward that country should be revised and modified.

The present policy is playing into the hands of the Russian communists. They know that Tito is weak, has no popular support and that American assistance, economic and military, cannot improve his standing. They know that Yugoslavia under Tito will always be the weakest link in the chain of defense of Western Europe. The Russians need a point from which to pierce the Western European armor. They have it in Yugoslavia, under the present setup.

A continuation of the present American policy in Yugoslavia would do much harm, not only in that country, but would affect a much larger area.

While supporting communism in Yugoslavia, American policy makers are careful to point out that it is a "national," non-aggressive communism, independent of Russia and that they would welcome it if the communist governments in the countries behind the "iron curtain" would follow the example of the Yugoslav communist. In that case such countries could likewise count on American support.

The communist governments in the nations behind the "iron curtain" are perfectly happy under Russian tutelage and were they not, they would not have a chance to follow their Yugoslav comrades' example because Albania, Rumania, Hungary and Poland have Russian troops in garrisons, and Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria can see the Russian

troops who are right across their borders.

Nonetheless, the Russians welcome this American policy of wooing the satellite communist governments into the camp of the expelled Yugoslav communists. The masses of the population behind the "iron curtain" are predominantly farmers and most dissatisfied with and opposed to their communist oppressors. Their only hope is the possibility of American moral and material assistance in their effort to destroy communism entirely, as soon as they are given a chance.

If the Russians can convincingly show that America is planning for their future only more communism of a different brand, instead of freedom and democracy, America will have destroyed the hopes of those peoples and they will not be potential allies in case of necessity as they are today.

American policy is engaged in winning over the communist bosses behind the "iron curtain." Russian policy is trying to alienate the masses behind the "iron curtain" from America and to convince them of the futility of counting on the United States in the future, and to impress on them the necessity of becoming reconciled themselves with their present conditions.

The President is asking for a budget of 85 billion dollars. There must be a real emergency existing for the United States. Whom do you want to have with you in this time of emergency—the masses of the population or their communist bosses?

The time has come, indeed, to review and modify some of the aspects of American foreign policy. THE END

## You Are Invited to the National Convention

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ways colorful Forty and Eight parade will march down Fifth Avenue, stepping off at 4:00 P.M., and running from 56th down to 31st Street.

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# Baseball's Hall of Blame

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singled, and McCormick crossed the plate in wild excitement with what should have been the winning run.

But Merkle, who had been on first, ran toward the clubhouse without touching second base. Seeing this, Johnny Evers of the Cubs called for the ball. The Giants' Joe McGinnity intercepted the throw and heaved the ball into the left field seats. Evers hustled up another ball and touched second. Umpire Hank O'Day ruled Merkle out on a force play.

The jubilant and pushing crowd was by now all over the field. Although technically the game was tied, it was impossible to continue. O'Day ruled a tie and following bitter arguments among league officials, the game was ordered replayed. In the replay, the Cubs defeated New York and won the National League pennant.

Merkle was heartbroken. He lost 15 pounds within a few weeks. He worried and fretted. For years fans yelled "touch second" at him. He became "Bonehead" Merkle, and only a sympathetic handling by his manager, John McGraw, kept him from quitting baseball.

McGraw never blamed Merkle. "It's criminal to say that Merkle is stupid and to blame the loss of the pennant on him," pointed out McGraw. "He is one of the smartest and best players on this ball club. And he did not cost us the pennant. We lost a dozen games we should have won, and any one of them could have saved the pennant for us."

Still, Merkle was never allowed to forget his shame. His last job in organized ball was managing the class D Daytona-Ormond club. One day in 1929 he walked off the field and never returned. It was reported that a player had made reference to him as a bonehead. "When I die," he once said with bitterness, "they'll put on my tombstone: 'Here lies Bonehead Merkle.'"

Another Polo Grounds boner which has lived through many seasons was that of Heinie Zimmerman. He was even less to blame than Merkle.

This one came in the final game of the 1917 World Series. Eddie Collins led off in the White Sox fourth inning with a grounder to Zimmerman and raced to second when the Giant third baseman threw wildly past first baseman Walter Holke. Joe Jackson hit a short fly to right which Dave Robertson dropped and the Sox had Jackson on first and Collins on third. Happy Felsch slapped a high bouncer to Giant pitcher Rube Benton who threw to Zimmerman, trapping Collins off third. Then the Giant catcher, Bill Rariden, moved up the line toward third to close

in on Collins. But crafty Eddie, seeing that neither Benton nor Holke had troubled to cover the plate, sprinted for home.

Nothing was left for Zimmerman but to start a futile chase. He ran Collins right across the plate. The Sox followed with two more runs and the Giants were never able to recover.

Once again McGraw defended his maligned player. "Don't blame Zimmerman," he said. "The mistake was made by Holke, who stood at first base watching instead of covering the plate."

Heinie too had his own answer for the critics.



"You can start tomorrow as the horrible example, then—and please remember to come in the back entrance."

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

"Who the hell was I gonna throw the ball to? Umpire Bill Klem?"

Zim was a better than average player, but even the greats have made the Hall of Blame. Lou Gehrig, for instance.

Lou found trouble in Washington at the corner of Seventh street and Florida avenue, real estate holding of Clark Griffith, President of the Senators. Actually, Lou shared his embarrassment with teammate Lyn Lary and his manager, Joe McCarthy. The mishap cost Gehrig the 1931 home run title as he passed Lary on the bases after hitting a drive into the center field bleachers. Lary was on first when Lou's clout sailed from the bat. He kept running and, as he rounded third, saw the Senators' centerfielder, Harry Rice, catch the ball.

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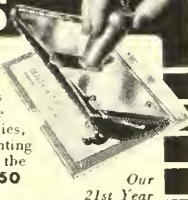
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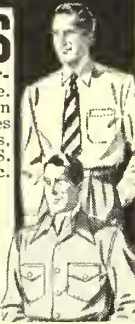
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Who was the third base coach and what was he doing?

He was Manager McCarthy and he was leaping in joyous celebration of Gehrig's homer. He had his back to both runners.

Meanwhile, Gehrig, presuming that Lary already had scored, rounded third and was out for passing the runner. His hit was scored not as a home run, but a triple. Instead of winning his first home run championship Lou finished tied with Babe Ruth at 46 homers each. Also, the boner took McCarthy from the Yankees coaching lines. From then on, Joe did his master-minding from the dugouts.



"If nothing happens soon, I'm going  
after butterflies!"

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

At the foot of third street in Cleveland, hard by Lake Erie, is a large, beautiful structure called Municipal Stadium. There's nothing pretty about the place to Aaron Robinson of Detroit, for it was here he pulled a rock which shattered the Tigers' pennant hopes of 1950.

Robby's mental blackout came on a murky afternoon, September 24th. With the score tied at 1 to 1, Bob Lemon started Cleveland's half of the tenth with a triple. Pitcher Ted Gray then walked Dale Mitchell and Bob Kennedy on purpose, loading the bases. Larry Doby popped out. Thus, the Indians had three men on and one out when Luke Easter came to bat. He grounded to first baseman Don Kolloway who fielded the ball, jabbed the bag with his foot and retired Easter. He threw to Robinson at home in plenty of time to nail Lemon.

However, the Detroit catcher had not seen Kolloway touch first (Easter blocked his view). Thinking he had a simple force out at home, Robinson

made no effort to tag Lemon. Bob slid over the plate with the run which beat the Tigers, 2 to 1, and knocked them out of the race.

The year before, Municipal Stadium had seen another king-size boner when the Indians' Doby tried to steal home against the Yankees. Stealing home is fine; but not—as Doby learned—when your team is four runs behind and the bases are loaded with none out.

Equally heated happenings enliven the real estate in so-called staid ole Boston. For instance, at Jersey, Lansdowne and Ipswich Streets is a place called Fenway Park. Here some twenty years ago a Yankee outfielder named Elias Funk raced after a drive from the bat of a Boston hitter. Funk kept running as he watched the flight of the ball. Trouble was that Elias actually was not watching the ball; his eyes were on a pigeon which flew over the fence. The ball sailed on and dropped 15 feet behind Funk as the winning run crossed the plate.

Several seasons ago Mickey Vernon cost Washington a victory at Fenway because he didn't want to interrupt parliamentary procedure long enough to throw out a man at home. The score was tied, one out in the ninth and the Red Sox had Bobby Doerr on second. The batter hit a grounder to short and Umpire Bill McGowan ruled that the throw to Vernon at first base was late. Mickey's words flowed almost endlessly over the bridge work and he paid no attention to the diamond action. He argued so long—and didn't look where he was jawing—that Doerr came all the way home with the run which beat the Senators.

Fenway was the scene of another Washington defeat via the rocky route. This time the victim was Bingo Binks. He was at bat with Cecil Travis on third with the tying run. Travis broke for home on the next pitch, but was out when Binks didn't take his bat off his shoulder.

"What happened?" Binks wanted to know.

"You gave me the squeeze sign," retorted Travis.

Manager Ossie Bluege was hopping mad. He supported Travis. But Binks was stubborn. "How could I give Travis the squeeze sign," he insisted, "when I don't even know it myself."

Perhaps Binks should have played in Brooklyn, where daffy didoes grow at the acreage enclosed by Montgomery Street, Sullivan Place, Cedar Place, and Bedford Avenue—or, if you prefer, Ebbets Field. Outside this ball park a cab driver, hearing an unusually loud roar, looked up and yelled to a fan on the top row of the stands.

"What happened?"

"Dodgers have three men on base,"



reported the observer, obviously satisfied. "Which base?" asked the cabbie.

Perhaps that's why legend insists that Babe Herman of the Dodgers once tripled into a triple play when, as a matter of fact, he merely doubled into a double play. It was quite a scene with three Brooklyn sliding into each other at third base.

A sidelight to this super boner was that the third base coach that afternoon in 1926 was Mickey O'Neill. It was the first and only time all season he was on the coaching lines. Mickey, one of the Brooklyn catchers, had asked Coach Otto Miller if he could coach at first base.

"No, you better take third base," Otto advised. "Nothing ever happens over there."

Ebbets Field was the stomping ground of fun-loving Dodger manager, Wilbert Robinson. Uncle Robby once formed what he called The Bonehead Club. Before a game he announced: "Every time a player pulls a boner he's got to put up ten dollars. We'll put the money in a pot and at the end of the season we'll have more dough to cut up than the guys in the World Series."

The Dodgers agreed to the scheme. That afternoon Robbie handed the plate umpire the wrong lineup!

Next day a sports writer put it this way: "The manager of the Dodgers formed a Bonehead Club before yesterday's game and promptly elected himself a charter member."

One of the most horrendous of World Series boners happened in Brooklyn and it emphasized with disaster that the game is never over until the last man is out. In fact, this game was not over even after the last man was out. This was the fourth game of

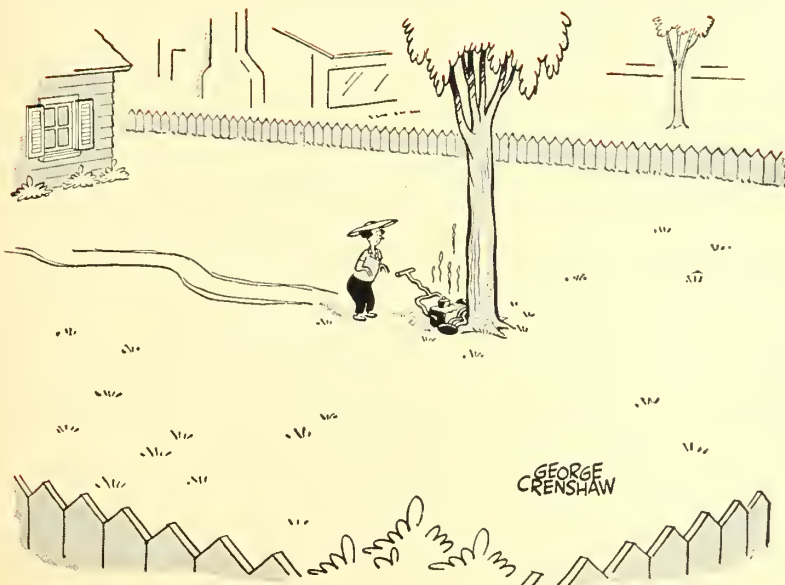
the 1941 World Series. The Dodgers led by one run as the Yankees faced Hugh Casey in the ninth. Casey retired the first two batters easily. Then he went to work with care on Tommy Henrich. The count moved to three and two. Casey dealt a low curve to Henrich. Tommy swung and missed. The game was over. But was it? Hold on! The ball ripped through Mickey Owen's grasp and slithered off to the right of the plate.

Henrich raced for first, beating Owen's frantic throw. Then, the Yankees blasted away. They scored four times before the dazed Dodgers could recover, and the Yankees went on to win the next day and take the Series.

Perhaps it's the proximity of the stands to the players at Ebbets Field that intensifies the avidity of Dodger fans. They feel themselves as much a part of the game as the second baseman. And they are. Indeed, even the fans are guilty of boners.

In 1940 a chunky Dodger roofer in a sports shirt bounced from the stands and jumped on Umpire George Magerkurth. The enraged fan got Magerkurth down, squatted firmly on his chest and was pumping both hands to the face when cops rescued the beleaguered umpire. Despite this experience and others as gruelling, Magerkurth always liked to work at Ebbets Field. "The fans there were fair-minded," he said. "If they wanted to razz me, that's what they paid for."

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Fans began to boo and throw bottles, cans and paper. Each time the park announcer tried to speak to bring order, his voice was drowned out. Groundskeepers and players could not pick up the trash as fast as it was thrown. A tomato hit Barr. A bottle landed on the back of Umpire Lee Ballanfant's neck. After 15 minutes the umps forfeited the game to New York, a game which could be charged to the fans.

Compared to Shibe Park and Ebbets Field, the Yankee Stadium is the formal garden of an English estate. But funny things happen even in "the House that Ruth Built."

Yankee fans remember when Lefty Gomez pulled a skull which provided a laugh for everybody. The A's were playing the Yankees and had a man on third with one out. Mule Haas laid down a squeeze bunt. The runner from third was across the plate before

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Gomez reached the ball. He looked to first and saw no play there. So, he turned and threw the ball to second baseman Tony Lazzeri.

"Why'd you do a crazy thing like that?" Lazzeri demanded, shaking his

head in wonder. "There's no play here."

"I know," said Gomez with a shrug of his shoulders. "But I've always heard you were the brain of this team and I didn't know what to do with the ball. I thought you'd figure out a play."

Even umpires have their off-moments. Umpiring boners are the rarest, but there have been some real rocks by the men in blue. This one happened in Pittsburgh. Babe Pinelli, one of the finest umpires, was beginning his National League career. The ex-third baseman was umpiring the bases. Suddenly a grounder came toward him. His instincts answered their call. Pinelli scooped up the ball and threw it to first—just in time to nip the runner.

You can imagine the howl after that.

Yes, the boner is always with us. These accidents emphasize the human side of baseball and attract nation-wide attention. No wonder the 14 corner lots which are big league parks play a vital role in American life.

THE END

## The Common Tummy-Ache

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the large intestine, finally, after absorption, to be excreted. This muscular action of passing the food along from one stage to the next in the digestive tract is called "peristalsis."

Human digestion is a miracle of carefully timed, natural chemical and physical reactions, but it also is a sensitively balanced process that can be knocked out of kilter by any irritant—including the irritation caused by upset emotions or a troubled mind.

Unfortunately, sometimes the digestive process goes awry, the stomach begins to digest itself, and a peptic ulcer forms. Although generally referred to loosely as a "stomach ulcer," most pep-

tic ulcers (more than 90 percent in an actual count made by studying the cases of some 15,000 ulcer sufferers) occur in the duodenum—the first few inches of small intestine leading off from the stomach—rather than in the stomach itself.

Just what causes a peptic ulcer, no one really knows. There are at least thirteen separate theories. However, most modern doctors and medical researchers agree that the pace of our modern way of living, with its worries, frustrations, and never-ending hurry, hurry, hurry is one of the major contributing causes.

Backing up this contention is the fact

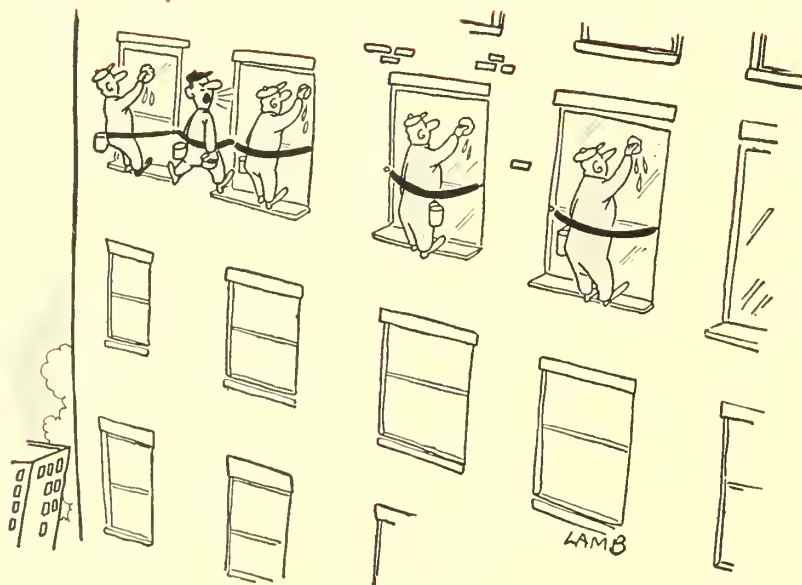
that peptic ulcers are practically unheard of among the natives of the "uncivilized" portions of the world. "Ulric the ulcer" is most prevalent among the workers, the thinkers, and the doers. It is, as one doctor has so aptly put it, "the wound stripe of civilization." Where you find the greatest tensions in working and living, you will find the highest percentage of ulcer sufferers.

As a result, the peptic ulcer is America's Number One Tummy Ache. Unfortunately, from a digestive point of view, we happen to be a nation of workers, doers and worriers. And, we also, again unfortunately, happen to be a nation that as a whole has forgotten how to relax and enjoy a meal. Most of us eat the way we work—in a hurry. Too often, we combine the two.

Peptic ulcers in the U. S. today rank as the tenth most common cause of death and the twelfth cause of lost days at work. One out of every ten Americans, it has been estimated, will eventually be the victim of an ulcer. Statistics also show that the modern man is three times more prone to peptic ulcer than the modern woman, and the percentage is on the increase.

On the face of it, that seems like a grim outlook for the male sex. However, out of those same statistics has come a new hope for all ulcer sufferers, both male and female.

About twenty years ago Dr. David Sandweiss of the Harper Hospital in Detroit, Mich., got interested in that three-to-one figure. During the course of his research he made a startling discovery. He found that when a woman with a peptic ulcer became pregnant the



"MOVE DOWN ONE!"



ulcer symptoms disappeared completely. This and other clues led Dr. Sandweiss to the conclusion that perhaps female hormones had something to do with it and that if they could be isolated they might provide an ulcer cure. Working along these lines, he eventually developed a drug which he named Anthelone. It worked fairly well, but had one major drawback. It had to be administered by injection, which meant the services of a nurse or a doctor.

Two New York medical men, taking up Dr. Sandweiss' trail, then developed a similar drug that could be taken orally, just as easily as one takes an aspirin tablet. Just a little over a year ago that drug, called Kutrol, was offered to the medical profession by Parke, Davis & Co. Sold only on a doctor's prescription, it is today doing an amazing job of clearing up peptic ulcers. Patients who have failed to react favorably to other treatments, even after months of doctoring and careful dieting, have responded to Kutrol in a matter of weeks. The new drug, X-ray studies have shown, not only alleviates the pain and removes the symptoms but actually promotes the healing over of the ulcer crater. What's more, a patient under the Kutrol treatment—which consists simply of taking two capsules four times a day—is not limited to the usual bland ulcer diet for an extended period. To the contrary, he is encouraged to resume a normal three-meals-a-day schedule just as soon as his ulcer symptoms subside.

A few years ago, before the new drug was released, 16 patients suffering from duodenal ulcers were selected to act as guinea pigs in a carefully controlled clinical test of Kutrol. They were selected because they all had long histories of peptic ulcers (from 3 to 29 years) that would not respond to normal ulcer therapy. After taking Kutrol, 15 of those patients were completely symptom-free in from four to six weeks, and their ulcer craters no longer showed up on X-rays!

Long term clinical studies since have shown that Kutrol is effective in the treatment of about 75 percent of all duodenal and jejunal ulcers. Kutrol, however, is no "wonder drug," and it is relatively expensive. Experience has shown that even in the most dramatic recoveries, the drug should be administered for at least seven weeks—which means a minimum of 400 capsules at a cost of about \$200. But the discovery and availability of Kutrol is a dramatic, major step toward controlling and healing America's six million or more ulcers.

An interesting sidelight in connection with the production of the drug is that it is helping to pay the maternity bill for a good many new-born young-

sters in the Detroit area. Pregnant women are paid to visit the Parke, Davis laboratories to provide the necessary pregnancy extract that is the drug's basic and potent ingredient!

Given half a chance, the medical profession is well equipped to cope with our national tummy aches—but we have to give them that half chance. Too many of us are prone to do too much self-diagnosis and too much self-doctoring. Besides that, we overtax our digestive systems not only with food but with worries and anxieties. We not only

## How To Keep Well

Here are seven simple rules for good digestion as set forth recently by the health experts of one of the country's big insurance companies:

1. Avoid eating when in a rush or when mentally upset.
2. Keep your teeth in good condition so you can chew your food thoroughly.
3. Drink plenty of water and establish regular habits of elimination.
4. Don't eat too much or too often.
5. Cultivate an appetite for a wide variety of foods.
6. Avoid strenuous exercise after eating.
7. Avoid self-treatment.

eat unwisely, but we eat when we are upset, angry, and tired. Many times, when the going is rough, we would be better off to settle for a glass of water instead of that filet mignon, goulash, or fried fish. And it would help to avoid future complications if we took the advice of a good doctor rather than the recommendations of friends who "swear by" their favorite stomach-trouble nostrum.

A joke currently going the rounds sums it up nicely. It seems that an executive on "tummy-ache row"—that's what New Yorkers call mid-town Madison Avenue where the large advertising agencies are located—went to see his doctor. His stomach was bothering him and he wanted to know if there wasn't something he could take to make life a little more pleasant.

His doctor thought for a moment. "Yes, you might try 'gnixaler,'" he said finally, as he printed the word out on a prescription blank.

"Gnixaler?" queried the ad man. "Never heard of it."

"Didn't think you had," replied the doctor. "You see, 'gnixaler' is 'relaxing' spelled backwards. Try it some time."

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## LUCKY ME

*Tickets on raffles  
I buy more than plenty.  
"19" 's the winner,  
I always have "20."*

— HERB GOCHROS

## THEY DON'T ADD UP

A business college once displayed a large sign outside its building saying: "A Short Course In Accounting For Women."

The sign was taken down when one morning the head of the school saw written across the sign in a bold unmistakably masculine hand:

"There is no accounting for women."

— DAN BENNETT

## HOW-DY

*Tho this life has its  
Quota of woes,  
Analysis clearly reveals  
That the man who is  
Up on his toes  
Very seldom is down  
At the heels!*

— HENRY A. COURTNEY

## THE BUILD-UP

A girl about 12 years old was walking back and forth in front of a counter in the lingerie department of a large New York store, evidently trying to reach some sort of decision. Finally a salesgirl asked if she could help.

The girl blushed, then pointed to a brasiered mannequin on the counter and blurted, "Do you have anything like that for beginners?"

— R. E. MARTIN

## DOUBLE VALUE

*In television these days some singers not only show off their best arias but also their best areas.*

— ROSE GREEN

## FUNNY STORY

*Who is it who's loving the story so?*

*Who rolls on the floor in convulsions?*

*Whose laughter makes noises come, all in a row,*

*Like a series of jet propulsions?*

*When the story is finished, who claws at the chair?*

*Who by far is the loudest yellor?*

*Who laughs till he's utterly out of air  
And has tears in his eyes? The teller!*

— RICHARD ARMOUR

## MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER

The theater manager was, of course, quite astonished to discover that a patron had somehow managed to bring his dog into the place. He was on the verge of booting the twosome out when it came to him that, not only was the canine behaving itself very orderly, but that he actually seemed to understand the film, seeming to brighten up during the comedy scenes and to grow somber during the dramatic moments.

So the manager let the man and his pooch remain for the show, but when they were leaving he stopped the man and told him how astounding he found it that a dog should enjoy a movie so.

"Yes," nodded the man, "I'm really surprised myself. You know, he didn't much care for the book."

— HAROLD HELFER

## NO HOD LABOR

In a college course for masons Billy Jones was educated,

But the lectures had him puzzled and the lessons had him floored.

He flunked in every study and he never graduated

—He got so bored with mortar that he got no mortarboard.

— BERTON BRALEY

## PRIMARY TARGET

A farmer was sitting on his front steps eating a sandwich when a hen zoomed by with a rooster in hot pursuit.

Suddenly the rooster put on the brakes, slid to a halt, and began picking up the crumbs from the sandwich.

"Dern," muttered the farmer in disgust, "hope I never get that hungry."

— MORRIS PAST

## THAT'S TEMPUS FOR YOU

*The outstanding hit of the year, 'twould appear,*

*We vow that we'll see it when it comes near;*

*Through ads we peek for the movie we seek;  
When is it coming? Oh! Last week.*

— ARTHUR FREDERIC OTIS

## YES, INDEED

*While it may be true that there are two sides to every argument, it is equally true that there is no end to some of them.*

— T. J. McINERNEY

## HISTORICAL FACT

The bright student looked long and thoughtfully at the second examination question which read:

"State the number of tons of coal shipped out of the United States in any given year."

Then his brow cleared and he wrote:

"1492 — none."

— F. G. KERNAN

## HORSE OF A DIFFERENT HUE

Though we are annoyed

By our kith and our kin,

Who are passing through town

And decide to drop in;

When we take a trip,

Our kin and our kith

Are very convenient

For visiting with.

— BURGE BUZZELLE

## HIGH CLIMBER

*Our standard of living is so high today that most of us can't afford it.*

— GLENN R. BERNHARDT



GEO CRENSHAW

"He always takes it that way when he has a cold — the rest of the time he drinks it straight out of the bottle."





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